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## JAPANESE COMMUNIST PLOT.

### RED PLAN TO UNDERMINE THE EMPIRE.

### SECRET CONCLAVE UNDER GUISE OF COMPANY MEETING.

### STARTLING REVELATIONS.

Details of the widespread Communist plot in Japan are now forthcoming upon the lifting of the news embargo which the Government enforced last month following the arrest of a number of Communists. An alarming state of affairs is disclosed, the Procurator General considering that the attempt to undermine the Empire from within was more serious than a threat of armed force from without.

The total arrests through the whole of Japan number about a thousand. The plot was hatched for the purpose of changing the social system of the Empire and for the distribution of inflammatory literature. The Communists held a secret conference in a snow-bound country under the guise of a meeting of company shareholders, their leaders having been trained in fighting methods by leaders of the Third Internationale.

The movement was highly organised by "cells," and students and college professors were among the sympathisers. Extremist organisations have been suppressed by the Government which is, accused of attempting to gain popularity owing to the difficult position confronting the coming Diet Session.

## THIRD INTERNATIONALE TRAINING.

Tokyo, Apr. 10. Following the completion of the examination of the communists arrested on the 15 of last month the Government has released the news embargo which has hitherto been enforced in Japan. The Procurator General considered that the "very predominant impression is that the whole affair is serious. In fact Japan is now confronted by an unusually grave national difficulty inasmuch as revolutionism is pretty well suffused." He added that the present attempt to undermine the foundation of the empire from within, which was influenced by radical ideas from alien people, was more serious than a threat of armed force from without.

Extremist Intrigue. According to a fifty-page official bulletin, the wholesale arrests followed the discovery of an extremist intrigue aiming at the establishment of a Communist association the purposes of which were to "alter fundamentally the social system of the Japanese Empire."

In addition, the Association was to be responsible for the distribution of inflammatory literature throughout the whole country at the time of the elections. "Several hundreds" are stated to have been arrested, of which 160 have already been prosecuted. It is expected that the total prosecutions will ultimately reach at least 300 as a result of the further arrests which the Court examinations will probably necessitate.

A Secret Conference. The bulletin describes how the secret conference of the Communists, held in a snow-bound locality under the guise of an electrical company's shareholders' meeting early in February, first raised the suspicions of the Police.

Sufficient evidence to justify arrests was not forthcoming, however, until the elections, when inflammatory literature was broadcast. It is stated that the Communist movement has been considerably strengthened since their return from the Soviet early last year. The bulletin adds that the "leaders have been trained in fighting methods by leaders of the Third Internationale" who started active propaganda whereas previously Communism in Japan was mainly passive.

Numerical Watchwords. The movement was highly organised with district and local "cells" and central commissaries etc. The "cells" established were factory, agricultural and general ones under the control of five local commissaries each maintaining his

own press organ of activities assisted by students and professors organised into factions. The difficulties of tracking down the intriguers were considerably increased owing to the use of numerical watchwords for the interchange of important communications.

The opinion is expressed in some quarters that the Court trial which will be held shortly in Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka or Sapporo will result in the proof that the Third Internationale supplied the funds, thus possibly leading to the strained relations between Japan and the Soviet.

Organisations Dissolved. The Home Minister, in a communication to the Press, stated that the other two extremist organisations had been dissolved owing to the co-operation of Communists, though leaders of the Roneto party in a statement denying the accusation aver that the Government is merely attempting to gain popularity owing to the difficult position confronting the coming session of the Diet.

The same leaders contend that the suppression will not affect the influence to the contrary, the result of the reorganisation strengthening the party. Seiyukai leaders, however, hint of further repression as the Government will not be satisfied until Communism has been completely eradicated. The Adachi leader, discussing the suppression considers that the Government has acted rightly though it is mistaken in thinking that it will regain popularity by it. The hope is expressed that the three remaining proletarian parties will have healthy development now that the extremists have been eliminated.

Radical Professors. It is understood that the Government intends to dismiss certain professors from Universities and colleges owing to their radical sympathies and also to dissolve student's social study groups. It is officially stated that the extremists arrested in Tokyo last month numbered 400 of which 67 were prosecuted including two women. It is understood that the total arrests throughout the whole country number approximately a thousand.

An assistant of the Tass News Agency has been arrested but no charge has been preferred. Manchurian Issue. An important Conference of the General Staff was held regarding the measures to be taken in the case of military action necessitated by the Japanese.

## PLOT REVEALED IN INDIA.

### SECRET SOCIETY OF BOLSHEVISTS.

### CIPHER LIST OF VICTIMS FOR ASSASSINATION.

### A WIDE CONSPIRACY.

Calcutta, Apr. 10. The trial has started here of the twenty Bengali youths who are charged with conspiracy to "deprive His Majesty of the Sovereignty of India and overthrow the Government of India."

Three of the youths are also charged with the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, in pursuance of the general conspiracy. The prosecutor stated that a cipher list was found in a boarding house at Deoghar where these three youths were arrested, this containing the names of notorious revolutionary murderers and the places of incidents connected with their crimes, which were used as passwords.

The cipher list also contained sixteen names of "victims" who were marked down for assassination. The conspiracy was widespread and the most important document found was a leaflet describable as the Articles of Association of a secret society "for the establishment of independent Federated States of India by organised, armed revolution."

The members of this Society were enjoined to engage in Bolshevik activities such as the secret assembling of men, arms and funds by force and, where necessary, by terrorism, the establishment of a labour and peasant organisation and also to spread Communist revolutionary propaganda for the encouragement of military training.—*Reuter.*

## PLATINUM IN SIERRA LEONE.

### MANY APPLICANTS FOR MINING RIGHTS.

London, Apr. 10. The Colonial Office states that the Government of Sierra Leone has received a considerable number of applications in connexion with the discovery of platinum in that Colony. Prospecting rights have been granted to all suitable applicants, and the Government of the Colony hopes before long to be able to give a decision regarding the grants of exclusive prospecting licences, mining rights or mining leases.

The Sierra Leone Government considers, however, that it is desirable to announce that applications for exclusive prospecting licences have already been received in respect of practically the whole of the area specially suggested by the Director of Geological Survey as being worthy of investigation.—*British Wireless.*

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

### THREE CHINESE MEMBERS ARE ELECTED.

Shanghai, Apr. 11. At a meeting of representatives of the 60,000 Chinese ratepayers at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, Tzu Yee-pei, Yuan Li-tung and Chao Chin-ching were elected to the seats on the Shanghai Municipal Council, while six other Chinese were elected members of various committees of the Council.

Tau Yee-pei is the manager of the Bank of China, Yuan Li-tung general manager of the Ningpo-Shanghai Steam Navigation Company, and Chao Chin-ching managing director of the Town Syndicate and a member of several important commercial and educational institutions.—*Reuter.*

## SWIMMER IN WATER 46 HOURS.

### HUMAN BEATS SEA LION AT ENDURANCE.

Hamburg, Apr. 11. Otto Kemmerich, the long-distance swimmer, swam for 46 consecutive hours in a tank at a circus, accompanied by a trained sea lion which gave up before its master. Kemmerich beat his own world record for duration by fourteen hours.—*Reuter.*

## POLL SENSATIONS IN AMERICA.

### CANDIDATE CARRIED OFF BY ARMED MEN.

### SECOND KIDNAPPED.

New York, Apr. 10. Lively scenes were witnessed at the primary elections in Chicago to select the party candidates for the various State and Federal offices for which the final elections will be in November, and also to choose the delegates to the National Party conventions for the selection of Presidential candidates in the summer.

Almost every policeman in the city, together with thousands of volunteers, is engaged in guarding the polls. The rival candidates for the Governorship of Illinois are Mr. Small, the present Governor, who is backed by Mayor Thompson and the Republican faction, and Senator Denech.

The election is quiet in most parts of the State but motor cars filled with detectives are patrolling the streets of Chicago to prevent any bombthrowing or shooting. Alderman Haffa disappeared during the morning and it is believed that he has been kidnapped to prevent him from participating in the election.

Several men armed with pistols knocked Mr. R. H. Taylor, leader of the fifth ward, on the head and carried him off in a motor car.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## GRAMOPHONE SHARES.

### FUSION RUMOURS RESULT IN RISES.

London, Apr. 11. There is considerable excitement in the market of gramophone shares consequent upon the persistent rumours of a fusion between the American Victor Talking Machine Company with the British Columbia Gramophone and other gramophone companies. An instance of the excitement is provided by Columbia 10s. shares which at the beginning of the year were quoted under 47. Yesterday they reached 218 15s.

The secretaries of the Gramophone and Columbia companies deny that they have ever heard of the suggestion of a fusion. Likewise cables from the New York indicate that the officials of the Victor concern are "equally ignorant." It is obvious, however, that the Stock Exchanges give credence to the rumours.—*Reuter.*

## LOCAL SHIPPING RETURNS.

### STEADY INCREASES REVEALED.

### HALF TRADE DONE UNDER BRITISH FLAG.

### TELLING FIGURES.

The official shipping returns for the first and last quarters of 1927 and the first quarter of 1928 have now been issued by the Harbour Office and show steady increases under all headings. British tonnage was approximately one third of the ocean going and a little more than 90 per cent. of the river traffic, the combined totals showing 50 per cent. of the trade of the port to be under the British flag.

The figures in tons are as follows:

| 1st Quarter 1927. |           |         |           |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Arrivals          | Ocean     | River   | Total     |
| British           | 3,202,065 | 888,354 | 4,090,419 |
| Foreign           | 1,234,767 | 807,854 | 2,042,621 |
| Departures        | 3,208,191 | 901,999 | 4,110,190 |
| British           | 1,254,870 | 811,283 | 2,066,153 |

| 4th Quarter 1927. |           |           |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Arrivals          | Ocean     | River     | Total     |
| British           | 3,272,794 | 1,004,807 | 4,277,601 |
| Foreign           | 1,252,088 | 948,758   | 2,200,846 |
| Departures        | 3,257,117 | 959,594   | 4,216,711 |
| British           | 1,251,610 | 810,722   | 2,062,332 |

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|-------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Arrivals          | Ocean     | River   | Total     |
| British           | 1,271,728 | 824,008 | 2,095,736 |
| Foreign           | 1,200,547 | 864,831 | 2,065,378 |
| Departures        | 1,201,547 | 827,939 | 2,029,486 |
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## BIG GRAIN SCANDAL.

### EX-TURKISH MINISTER TO BE CHARGED.

Constantinople, Apr. 10. The Parliamentary Committee enquiring into the grain scandal in which grain and flour valued at \$500,000 (Turkish), were involved in irregularities and abuses have passed a resolution that the Deputy's Djenan Bey, ex-Minister of Commerce, be arraigned before the high Court.—*Reuter.*

## DUNLOP RESULTS.

### NET PROFIT OF OVER TWO MILLION.

London, Apr. 10. The report of the Dunlop Rubber Company for the year ended December 31, 1927 shows a net profit of £2,375,000. Dividend is at the rate of 25 per cent. on the ordinary shares, £578,000 being carried forward to the next account.—*Reuter.*

## BOMB FIRES WOOD.

### BIG ACREAGE OF TREES DESTROYED.

Metz, Apr. 11. During aerial bombing practice a bomb dropped in the forest of Ars and started a conflagration which extended two miles. Over a hundred acres of the finest young trees were destroyed despite the exertions of soldiers and farmers.—*Reuter.*

## CLOUDY WEATHER PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states—"The Japanese depression has passed into the Pacific. The other is central near Peking. The anticyclone is central to the east of Shanghai. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

## FURTHER YANGTZE INCIDENTS.

### JARDINE AND B. AND S. TUGS FIRED AT.

### ATTEMPT TO BOARD.

Hankow, Apr. 10. As a tug and lighter belonging to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. and one belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire were proceeding to Changsha this morning, they were fired upon by soldiers from both banks of the river, at a spot about 25 miles above Hankow.

The soldiers made an attempt to board the vessels by means of junks, but were apparently unsuccessful. The vessels returned to Hankow later in the day and made a report of the occurrence, as a result of which the Consul General will make a request to the Garrison Commander to take steps to enforce discipline.

## HANKOW CONCESSION DISPUTE.

### Agreement Between French and Chinese.

### EXPRESSION OF REGRET.

Hankow, Apr. 10. The Sino-French dispute was satisfactorily adjusted to-day after prolonged negotiations between the Consul and the Foreign Minister.

The French authorities, while reiterating their determination not to budge from their decision in regard to ordinary political offenders, agreed for the future to hand over Communists and other dangerous characters. Regret was also expressed for the alleged discourtesies towards Foreign Office officials during recent calls at the French Consulate.—*Reuter.*

## MORE COMMUNISTS ARRESTED.

### FREETHINKERS' CONGRESS MERELY A NAME.

Warsaw, Apr. 10. The political police at Lodz have closed down the so-called Freethinkers' Congress which proved in reality to be a Communist gathering attended by Communist deputies, well known Communists who had been hiding from the authorities and also various people who have not been identified but who are believed to be Soviet emissaries.

A number of arrests have been made and it is stated that important documents have been seized.—*Reuter.*

## SOLOMON ISLANDS MURDERS.

### BRITISH COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE.

London, Apr. 10. The Colonial Secretary has selected Lieutenant-Colonel Sir H. C. Moorhouse as Commissioner to proceed to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate to enquire into and report upon the circumstances in which murderous attacks took place on Government officials at Verakona, Guadal Canal, in February, 1927, and at Sinarango, Malatia, in October, 1927.—*British Wireless.*

## NEW AUTOMATIC SYSTEM.

### H.K. TELEPHONE CO. PLANS.

### CONVERSION IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS.

### IMPROVED SERVICE.

The Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., has laid before the Government a definite scheme whereby it is hoped that the whole telephone system will be converted to automatic working. This statement was made by Mr. J. Scott Harston, president at to-day's meeting of shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Harston further stated, in the course of his speech, that subscribers' lines had increased during the year by 711 exchange lines and 446 extension lines, and that in connexion with the reconstruction of the plant no fewer than 1,594,188 circuit miles of underground cable and 71,369 circuit miles of covered distribution cables had been laid during the twelve months.

## Chairman's Speech.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—"Gentlemen, The report of your Directors and statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31st December, 1927, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the established practice and take them as read. The Auditors' Report is as follows:—"We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1927, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the above balance sheet is a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Hongkong Telephone Company Limited, as at 31st December 1927, according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company. Lowe Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, Auditors, Hongkong, 20th March 1928."

Referring to the accounts, you will observe that the profit for the year under review amounted to \$220,999.59 as against \$194,708.56 for the preceding year, and is arrived at after deducting \$154,238.64 for depreciation; \$29,011 for the payment to the Government in respect of royalties, in accordance with the terms of the franchise under which we operate; \$5,627.85 for writing off part of the preliminary expenses; and \$1,634.95 for writing off bad debts.

## Items Explained.

Depreciation is heavier this year by \$23,186.55—in which relation shareholders will readily understand that the additions made to capital plant must necessarily result in an increased sum for depreciation in order to safeguard your investment. As regards the royalties, you will observe that the payment for the year 1927 is \$29,011 in excess of that for the previous year; and it is well to bear in mind that this becomes an ever-increasing sum in proportion to the number of new connections made.

Bad debts, you will observe, have decreased by \$4,051.28 and represent less than one half per cent. on the gross turnover. This satisfactory state of affairs is due principally to the introduction of the system of Deposit Accounts to which I referred when I addressed you at the last annual general meeting, and as I then prognosticated, has since in effect minimised to a great extent the risk of losses being sustained from this source.

## Improved Service.

During the year under review, the improvement in the telephone service has not only been maintained, but has also been considerably extended—this being due to the reconstruction of a material portion of our outside plant, whereby service to subscribers is gradually being converted to direct underground cable circuits instead of the former overhead lines. A considerable portion of this work remains to be done, and in order to effectually carry out extensive plant rearrangements with a minimum of inconvenience to subscribers, a certain amount of delay is inevitable.

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## CANTON'S HOPES.

CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH  
HONGKONG.

A new official publication has appeared in Canton. It is called the *South China Review* and is apparently a monthly. It is published by the Publicity Bureau of the Central Political Council, Canton Branch. In its first issue the *Review* says:

The recent visit of Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, followed by the exchange of visits between Marshal Li Chao-shum, head of the political administration of Kwangtung, and Sir Cecil Clementi, the Governor of Hongkong, marks one more epochal stage in the long course of political and commercial relations between Great Britain and China. That these events have been and still are being looked upon as of far-reaching significance, is amply shown by the world-wide interest displayed in the reception of the cable messages. Nor are they without their glamour throughout the length and breadth of China. The first to open the door of China to foreign relations, and the most prominent figure in all of China's foreign dealings, Great Britain sometimes finds herself the recipient of praise and gratitude, and at other times the target of all abuses and anathemas. And it is by no means derogatory to the good name of the other Powers when it is recorded that too often they hide themselves behind the screen of Great Britain, playing the part of the "Good Samaritan," and suffering her to bear the brunt of Chinese resentment and hostility.

## Britain's Chagrin!

It may well be imagined then what the chagrin of Great Britain is when she finds herself the chosen instrument of concentrated attack throughout the length and breadth of China for the sins and short-comings in which the other Powers have a share more or less. And that chagrin is the more intensified when she finds Soviet Russia systematically and energetically fanning the flames of hatred and opposition against her in China. Unfortunately, her erstwhile representatives in China, accustomed to the diplomacy of the violent past, sought to remedy things by intimidation, cold attitude, and the "gun-boat policy," throwing to the winds all counsels of peace and forbearance. Once more the fertile plains of China were swept by the deadly fire of modern guns, and the yellow water of her rivers tinged with the crimson blood of thousands of innocent and helpless Chinese citizens. That capped the climax, and one and all unanimously rose against Great Britain. It was quite evident that those "super-tutun" representatives of Great Britain could no longer be entrusted with such modern levathans and engines of violence at their command, to look after the interests of the British people in China. A radical change must be made and those hysterical and cold-blooded representatives removed, and their places filled by men of wider vision and deeper inspiration for the cause and welfare of humanity.

The tendency of British thought gradually reverted towards a policy of goodwill and sympathetic consideration of Chinese affairs. Both in Parliament and among the people, there was marked evidence of disapproval of the unhappy and disastrous steps lately taken, and in their place, a constructive programme of winning back Chinese confidence and friendship was being outlined. The famous British memorandum of a year ago soon followed. The Powers looked upon this instrument with some measure of surprise while the Chinese people in general took it with a grain of salt. Nevertheless Great Britain was in earnest and her people were deter-

## CANTON TELEPHONES.

CONTRACT FOR AUTOMATIC  
SYSTEM.

Among the many plans of reconstruction now being put into effect by the Government is the installation of the new automatic telephone system, says the *South China Review*. It is an earnest of the extensive and practical plans for progress of South China. Canton, with her teeming industrial population, is looking forward to an era of great commercial development. Already renowned as the birth-place of the Chinese Republic, she is now aspiring to become the foremost centre of commercial activity in China. She has had an efficient electric plant, a fair system of water-supply, and a progressive and active department of public works. And since the Municipal Government recently definitely adopted and actually signed the contract with the China Electric Company Limited for the installation of the new automatic telephone, no one has further room for doubt about the earnest and sincere programme of the Administration. Hand in hand with the modern road construction in the city and throughout the province, they present a clear and convincing proof that the Administration is putting forth every energy even in these hard times toward the building-up of modern facilities for the welfare of the people.

## Future Development.

The telephone contract covers the supply of an up-to-date automatic exchange equipment, including a modern building for housing the equipment, and a new underground cable construction for outside plant for four thousand telephone subscribers at a total sum of \$646,000. The supplier of the telephone materials is the China Electric Company, a part of the well-known Bell Telephone System in the United States of America, who in recent years have demonstrated their efficiency and activity in many a foreign country for the supply of automatic telephone equipment up to a million lines in the name of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

An exchange of 4000 lines is far from being sufficient to meet the pressing need of telephone service for such a big and ever growing city like Canton. It is only making the beginning of telephone development not only in Canton but throughout South China, and before long Hongkong may yet find submarine cables laid so as to afford her the facilities of telephone service to all the principal districts and cities of Kwangtung.

It is satisfying to learn that construction work has already commenced, and most probably within this year the people of Canton will have the pleasure and profit this service can give them. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the construction is in the hands of Chinese Returned Students from America. In this as in the other varied reconstruction activities, the American Returned Students are playing a prominent and leading role.

It is interesting to note that no more blood should be shed on Chinese soil. No one interpreted this policy and spirit of Great Britain better than her three noble representatives in China, namely, Sir Miles Lampson, Sir Cecil Clementi, and Acting Consul-General J. F. Brennan of Canton. Putting their heads together, they steadily removed every barrier to speedy rapprochement, so that by the beginning of this year, Sir Miles Lampson could securely and auspiciously pay South China a visit. The scales were removed. The errors of the past were freely overlooked and generously forgiven. To-day the stage is set. Every one is interested and anxious to see what sort of a drama will be enacted:

## TOBACCO SEIZURE.

\$3,000,000 TAKEN FROM B.C.C.  
GODOWN.

Details of the confiscation of a large quantity of foreign tobacco by Chinese authorities at Haichow on the Peking-Hankow Railway, referred to in Parliament recently, have become available through dispatches from Hankow. The British Cigarette Company is the foreign concern being victimised, and the loss incurred is estimated in the vicinity of \$3,000,000. Negotiations over the incident are in the hands of the British Consul-General at Hankow.

Haichow has for many years been one of the experimental centres owned by the British American Tobacco Company in suitable parts of China. The company supplies American tobacco seed to Chinese farmers free of cost, in order to improve the quality of the leaf grown locally. The tobacco is purchased from the farmers by the company in the open market, competition from other tobacco concerns being faced and an open price paid.

In order to dry the leaves preparatory to transporting them to centres of manufacture the company has erected extensive drying plants and godowns where large quantities of the leaf have been allowed to accumulate within recent years, owing to the breakdown of the railway facilities. Approximately \$4,000,000 worth of tobacco has been stored in Haichow. About \$1,000,000 worth of this was destroyed by fire which gutted part of the compound buildings a short while ago. The remainder of the stored tobacco has been safe until recently when the local military commander, who is, it is understood, a subordinate of General Feng Yu-hai, commenced to take over the tobacco and sell it.

## Occupy Compound.

Soldiers occupied the B.C.C. compound at Haichow last year. Godowns were broken into and the tobacco packed and shipped to other parts of the interior for sale. Two foreign members of the company were sent from Hankow last month to investigate reports of this looting, and after encountering every form of obstruction in their inquiries, were able to verify the reports as correct.

These two investigators, Messrs. S.W. Newsome and Roggett, found the B.C.C. compound held by soldiers of the 15th Division, and were refused admittance by the local magistrate. During their stay in Haichow they were watched by two soldiers from the magistrate's yamen. Application to the local General for assistance was also refused on the grounds that the matter was a civil one and did not concern the military. The Chinese who accompanied the two investigators was retained by the local authorities and the foreigners had to leave him behind. He has subsequently been released and has reached Hankow safely, it is learned.

Other reports of the incident state that the chief mover has been a certain Ma Hsi-an, sent specially to confiscate the goods from Kai-feng, the headquarters of the "Christian General." It is contended, according to these reports, that the foreign company has no right to own or lease property within Chinese territory, that the B.C.C. has no titles or deeds for the property, and that its claims of ownership of the tobacco are illegal. On these grounds the Chinese claim the right to confiscate the goods and dispose of them as they see fit.

Officials of the company, in reply to questions, stated that these claims by the Chinese have no foundation. Foreign companies are permitted to own and to oper-

## GUARDS' QUARREL.

UNDERHAND METHOD OF  
SECURING REVENUE.

When Teja Singh, head guard of the steamer *Kochow*, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon with being in possession of eight tins of prepared opium, he pleaded that the opium was "planted" in his box and that he had no knowledge of the contraband.

Asked if he could suggest any reason why anyone should play such a trick on him, Teja Singh stated that two of the guards who were reported for drunkenness a few days previously might have done it.

A point which seemed to substantiate the defendant's story and which must have influenced the magistrate in favour of the defendant was that the lock to the defendant's box was new. Defendant admitted that his box was padlocked but stated that he had never seen the new lock before.

The witnesses for the prosecution all told different stories as regards the defendant's action at Wuchow, before the ship returned to Hongkong. At the conclusion of the evidence his Worship commented on this fact and discharged the defendant.

The first witness called by the prosecution, which was conducted by Mr. W. Kent A.S.P., stated that he saw the defendant go ashore at Wuchow with another guard. They returned to the ship a few hours later and the defendant proceeded straight to his own room and there slipped a parcel into his box. This aroused the witness's suspicion, but he made no report to the Captain of the ship. On their arrival at Hongkong the witness happened to be on duty on the ship, but he managed to find a relief and proceeded to the police station where he made a report.

Questioned by Mr. Kent witness admitted that he was reported on March 20 for being drunk and was fined.

The finding of the opium and the episode of the new lock was described by Inspector W. Shannon, in charge of Indian guards, who stated that when the box was shown to defendant, the latter admitted it was his box and produced a key for the lock. The key, however, was entirely of a different pattern to the lock. When the box was opened, defendant's clothing and a roll of banknotes were found inside. The defendant had stated at one stage that one of the banknotes (\$10) was missing, but had admitted the next day that the statement was a lie uttered in a moment of anger.

The remainder of the guards on the *Kochow* were all called into the witness box to state what time the defendant went ashore at Wuchow and they all told different stories.

Defendant informed his Worship that he thought the old lock must have been wrenched away, the opium "planted," and then the box re-padlocked.

His Worship discharged the defendant, and later told Mr. Kent that the fact that one guard gave away another was in itself suspicious.

ate plants such as the one in Haichow by virtue of the Treaty of Shimonoseki. In the past the B.A.T. has received governmental encouragement for its experimental farms, it being realized that the chief benefit coming from them accrues to the Chinese farmers. This confiscation is described as the first known opposition to the scheme of experimental farms in the interior.



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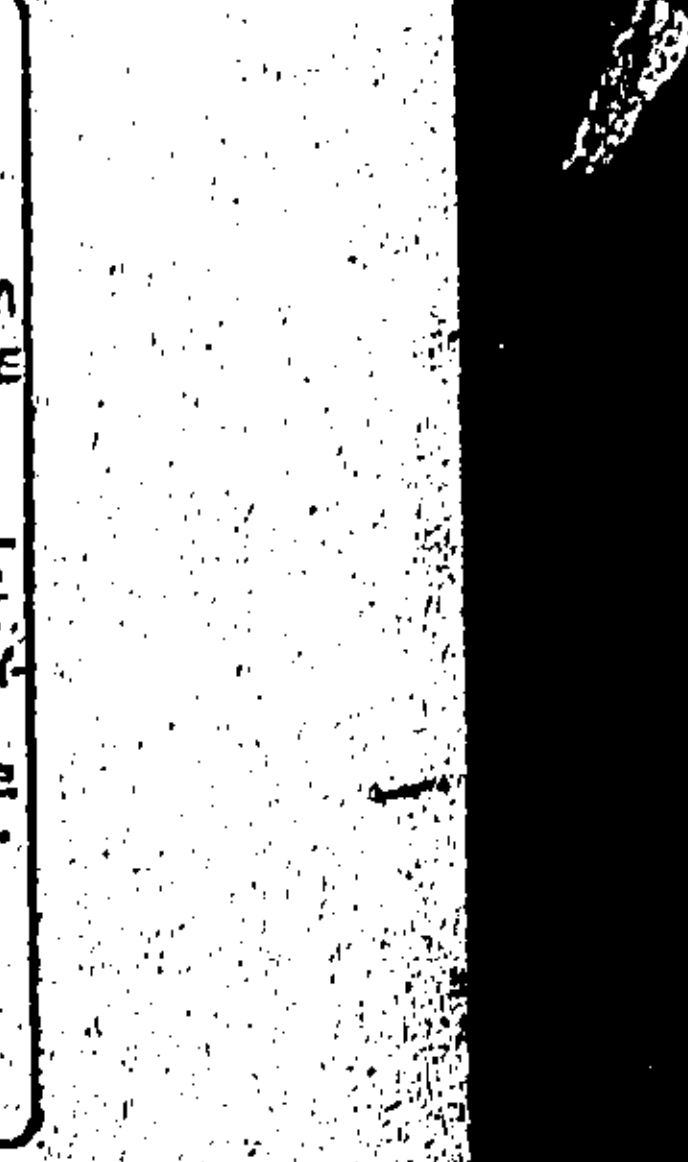
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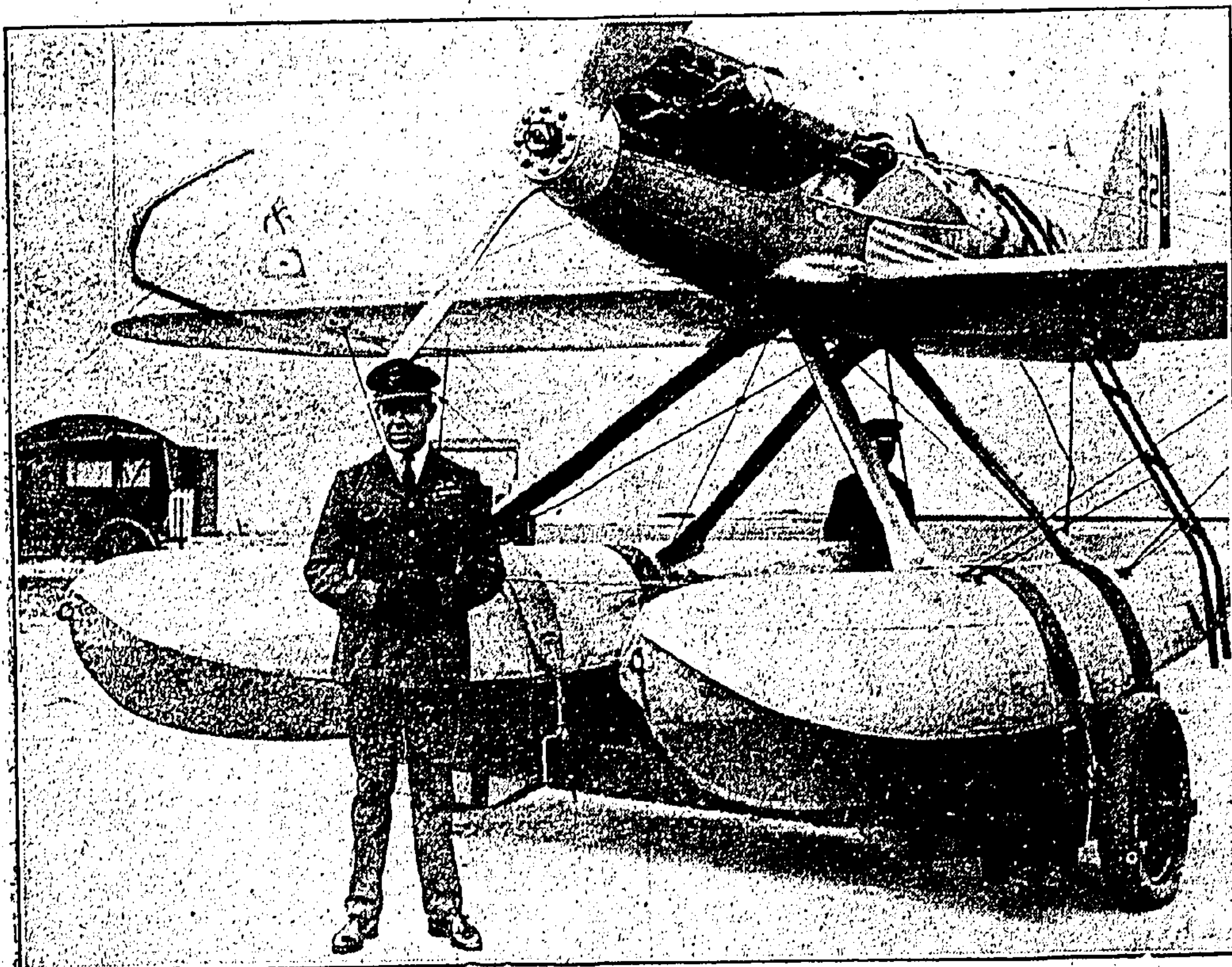
The Franco-Spanish Agreement on the Tangier Zone being signed by M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister (seated at desk), and Don Jose Quinones de Leon, the Spanish Ambassador, at the Quai d'Orsay, Paris. (Times copyright).



Scene of the fire which broke out on March 21 at "Adeodata Hall," Shanghai, the residence of Mrs. Edward Ezra. The occupants, including Messrs. Arthur and Theodore Sophor, Miss Sophor and Mrs. Edward Ezra's sons, Cecil and Donzil, escaped without personal injury.



Lieut. Richard Brittain Tuggle, of the U. S. S. Isobel, and his bride, Miss Marjorie Henry, passing under the archway of swords formed by brother officers of the groom after their wedding at the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai. Lieut. Tuggle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Tuggle, of Barboursville, Kentucky, and Miss Henry is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Henry, of Cincinnati, Ohio.



Our picture shows the late Lieutenant Kinkaid and his machine, The Supermarine Napier 8.5, in which he was attempting to beat the world's air speed record when he fatally crashed. (Times copyright).



Setting two new air records—first Pacific coast aviator to make the outside loop, and first aviator in the world to make three outside loops—Lieut. D. W. Tomlinson, U. S. aircraft squadron, North Island, San Diego, won high fame with his feat last month.



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of April, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pillar Island in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong), on Thursday, the 12th day of April, 1928, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,  
C. G. COPLEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1928.

### HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of April, 1928, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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(1) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 600,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$3,600,000 by the creation of 120,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(2) That the said 120,000 shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of five existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 23rd day of April, 1928, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 600,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of such 120,000 shares shall be payable as to the sum of \$1 part thereof on the First day of May, 1928, and as to the balance thereof i.e. \$4 on the First day of June, 1928.

And further that until such time as the said 120,000 shares shall be fully paid up they shall vis-a-vis the said 600,000 shares only rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$5) thereof.

And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend such time to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 120,000 shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

(3) That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd shares held by such shareholder.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday the 16th day of April, 1928 to Monday the 23rd day of April, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. Dated the 5th day of April, 1928.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, March 28, 1928.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Orders have been issued in connexion with the forthcoming presentation of colours to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. These state:—

The Corps will parade as strong as possible in four Companies at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 6th May, 1928.

No. 1 Company under command of Captain T. Addis Martin, will be composed of the Battery, Mounted Infantry, Armoured Car Companies and men of Reserve Company having leather equipment. Dress: Khaki jacket, medals, shorts, helmet, boots, puttees, hosetops, bandolier, belt, rifle and bayonet.

No. 2 Company under command of Captain S. J. Jordan, M.C., composed of the Engineer Company, Corps Signals, Infantry Company, and men of Reserve Company having web equipment. Dress: As for No. 1 Company, but with belt, rifle and bayonet only (no bandoliers).

No. 3 Company under command of Captain K. S. Morrison, composed of Scottish Company and Scottish Reserve. Dress: Review Order, helmets will be worn.

No. 4 Company under command of Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M. M. Portuguese Company. Dress: As for No. 2 Company.

Companies will be sized as for ceremonial.

Scottish Company will provide four Drummers with side drums.

Attention of all is drawn to Infantry Training Vol. I Chap. 14, Sec. 204.

Practice Parades, at Volunteer Headquarters—Thursday, 26th April, at 5.30 p.m. until Thursday, 3rd May, at 5.30 p.m. uniform. R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

### "DAWN" APPROVED.

NEW YORKERS TO SEE CAVELL FILM.

New York, Apr. 10.

The State Department of Education has approved the exhibition of the film "Dawn," except a few passages including the assembling of the firing squad and the scene depicting the shooting of the disobedient soldier. The owner of the rights has consented to the required cut although he objects to the elimination of the latter incident on the ground that it is a question of history.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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## SERVANTS COMPLAIN.

SOLICITOR GIVEN WRONG VIEW OF CASE.

Nine servants, including an amah, who until recently comprised the staff of St. Francis Hotel, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning in connexion with a claim for wages against Mrs. F. E. Cameron, the late proprietress of the establishment.

Two other claimants were not present in Court.

His Worship:—I took the trouble to explain to you at the last hearing, that owing to a dispute between Mrs. Cameron who was summoned, and another party, your case would have to be put over. I told you that, but apparently one of you has engaged a solicitor, and told him that you were told to go away from Court without being given any explanation. It now appears that since the case first came on the defendant had left the Colony.

The position having been explained to the complainants, one of them said he had rightly understood that there was to be an adjournment until this morning, while the others denied that they ever gave a wrong version of the procedure to any solicitor.

His Worship said, in any case, one of the complainants, whoever he was, had engaged a solicitor, and his Worship had agreed with that solicitor to put the case over for a further week to see if anything could be done in the matter of the money.

This was in response to an appeal from all the nine complainants that the Court should assist them in recovering their wages. His Worship subsequently adding that he had not felt disposed to help them having regard to the false statement they had conveyed to the solicitor.

### DOUBT REMOVED.

LOOTING BY FENG'S MEN PROVED.

Peking, Apr. 10.

In view of the fact that certain religious newspapers in Britain have expressed doubts regarding the reports that Feng Yu-hsiang's soldiers have looted and destroyed mission property in Honan, expressing the opinion that at least Feng Yu-hsiang himself was not responsible, Reuter has made most careful enquiries of the Canadian Presbyterian missionaries who evacuated Honan last spring on the advance of Feng Yu-hsiang's forces.

They declare that though various armies fought over territory wherein their stations were situated, namely northern Honan, north of the Yellow River, none of their property was molested till the Feng Yu-hsiangites re-entered Honan last year, since when all their missions have been looted except Wuan, which is the only station which has not fallen into Feng Yu-hsiang's hands.

The property looted includes four hospitals wherein years ago many of Feng Yu-hsiang's soldiers were nursed when sick and wounded; also several schools, churches and preaching chapels, and numbers of missionaries' residences.

Looting has been going on intermittently for several months, most of the houses having been stripped of their floor boards and their woodwork, some even of their roofs. At least one school and one residence were burned.

At the fine new hospital at Weihwei thousands of dollars worth of medicines and other property which they could not carry off.

His Worship said it would have made no difference if Mr. Leo d'Almada had mentioned these additional offences, as the sentences then deferred on those counts would now be given.

His Worship inflicted sentence of one month's hard labour on each of the two new charges, these to be additional to those others for which defendant is now serving a term.

Canadian missionary leaders, several of whom were formerly personal friends of Feng Yu-hsiang have sent a registered letter to Feng politely pointing out what is going on and requesting an investigation for the prevention of looting, but though the receipt for the letter has been received showing that Feng Yu-hsiang has received it he has not acknowledged the letter or taken any action.

The missionaries further declare that Feng Yu-hsiang himself has several times visited these cities in the past few months, thus showing that he is in control of these regions and able to prevent the outrage if he so desired.—*Reuter.*

## JAPANESE FLEET.

TIFFIN GIVEN BY LOCAL CONSUL GENERAL.

Three thousand men from the Japanese warships now in port were again landed in Kowloon during this morning and afternoon, some taking trips to Kowloon and Fanling and others going by motor buses to Castle Peak.

The Commander-in-Chief, Staff and Flag Officers were to-day the guests of the Japanese Consul General at tiffin, and this afternoon there was a reception by the local Japanese community at the Hongkong Hotel. Other officers went for car trips round the Island.

While some of the men were out in the New Territories others attended a cinema performance at the Grand Theatre, and to-night about two hundred Japanese Chief and Petty Officers will be the guests of British naval men at the Royal Naval Canton.

The Commander-in-Chief and officers will have dinner with His Excellency the Governor at Government House to-night. To-day the battleships Fusō and Nagato were open to British visitors, a number of people taking the opportunity to inspect the warships.

In connexion with the "At Home" on the Nagato on Friday afternoon invitations to this function have been sent out by Admiral Hirohara Kato, Commander-in-Chief of the First Japanese Squadron.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FRAUDS.

ADDITIONAL SENTENCES ON CHINESE CLERK.

Pau Tat-shing, the Education Department clerk who was recently sentenced to three months' hard labour for frauds in connexion with account books in Queen's College, was this morning brought from gaol and arraigned, before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy, on two further charges of a similar nature. These involved a sum of \$233, and the offences were stated to have been committed on two different dates in 1926 and to have been discovered after a further investigation of the books.

In admitting these additional offences, defendant stated he had requested Mr. Leo d'Almada, his solicitor, to make a clean breast on his behalf, and to mention these sums amongst the others already recapitulated. Somehow or other, Mr. d'Almada had not done so. He now asked for leniency.

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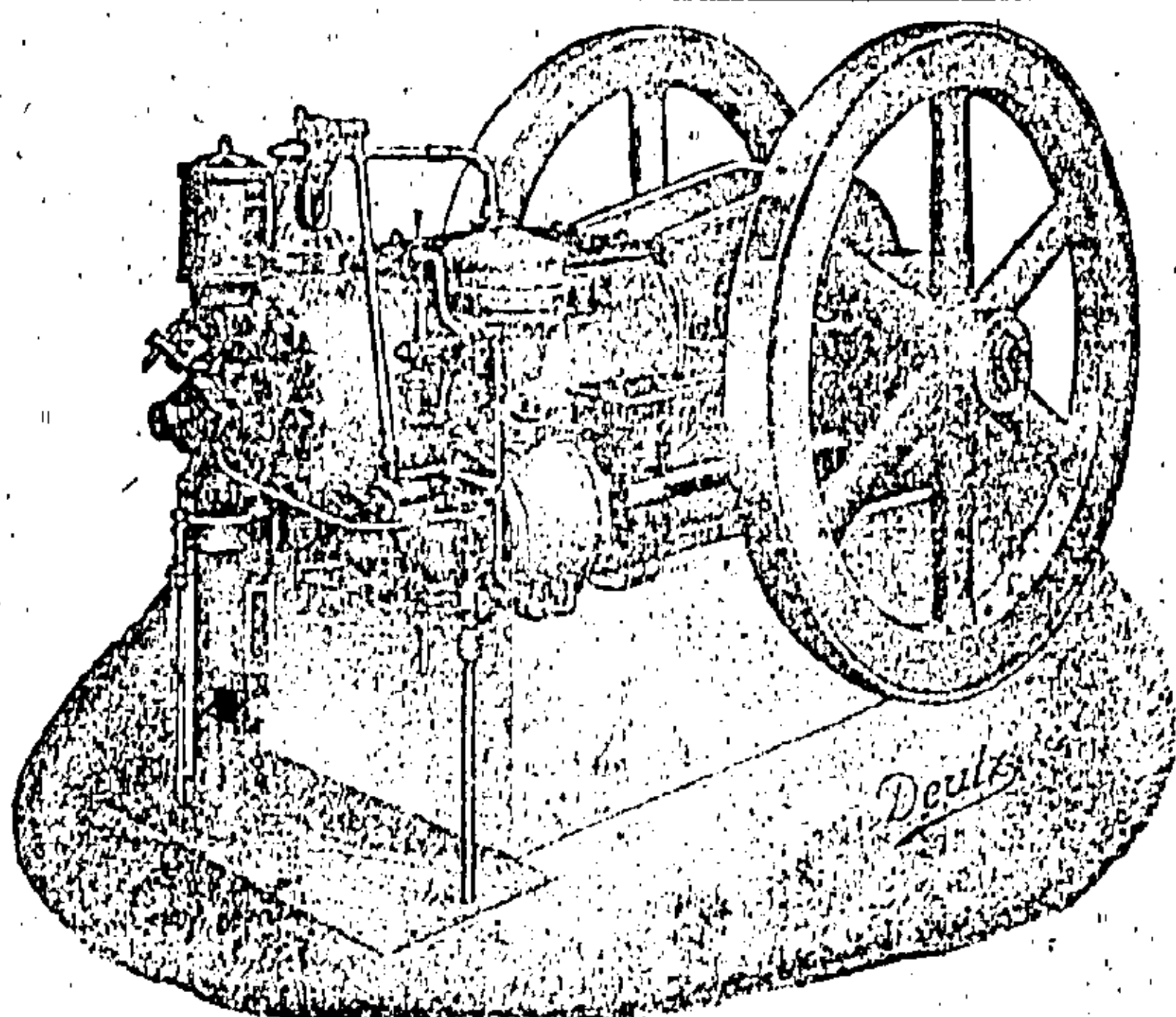
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It was a philanderer who gave this advice: "Never flatter woman and it is true that few women like flattery."

Woman is insulted when men try to move her by means of blandishments and honeyed words. She knows, by experience and intuition, that men use flattery as a means to gain an end—usually a rather despicable end. She is, therefore, always on guard against the flatterer. If she takes herself at all seriously, the insincerity, the patternness of flattery is abhorrent to her.

Praise it is that she desires and expects from the opposite sex. The sincere approbation and heart-felt approval of her men folk are what she works and schemes for. For that she spends hours in draughtily dress salons; endures mud packs and electric treatments in beauty parlours; strives and struggles in badly ventilated bargain basements. The earning of praise is ever uppermost in her thoughts.

And so, having so much time and thought upon her person, is it likely that she will be content with flattery in return? Flattery is to praise as dress is to pure gold, and no one will accept dress when they have been expecting gold.

It was at a dance last year, and Jill, charming but scarcely beautiful, stood before her two suitors. Tom, in a calm, dispassionate tone, said, "You are as beautiful as the Queen of Sheba," while Jim just said "Gee" in a tone of heart-felt approval. So Jill danced with Jim, for she knew she was not beautiful. A dance that made all the difference.

Many a woman accepts flattery for the sense of power it gives them. Power over the stronger vessel—man—is to her one of the dearest things on earth.

Praise is complimentary, flattery insulting, and women can tell instinctively the one from the other. Well has she learnt the lesson of the fall of Eden.

## Dancing Men I Dislike.

[By a Girl of 26.]

"A Dancing Man," with magnificent condescension has written of "Dance Partners 1

## A Spring Model.



Horizontal rows of metal thread decorate the bodice, and panel of this model in cinnamon georgette. A rhinestone buckle holds the draperies on the hip, while the little vest is in chiffon to match the threads.

Like." May a girl, typical of her sex and generation—and not ashamed of either—say something of the dancing men she dislikes?

Let me give first place to the young man when I shall call, for want of a better word, the Blood. You know the sort—smooth of hair and empty of head, sometimes good-looking, often accomplished enough on a dance floor, trying to hide mental uncouthness behind an Oxford accent, all catchwords and insolence.

In ten years time... ah, then he may have developed into a likeable young Guardsman or had the immaturities rubbed off in the City. Or, again, he may still be a heavy bore. But meantime I shall continue to dance as often as possible with men of the world and leave the Blood to the flappers. Most of them are not critical.

At the opposite pole is the Aged Gallant, often army (ret.)—red of face, a little watery of eye, always fumbling for his monocle with one hand while he squeezes your arm with the other fulsomely flatteringly, maddeningly given to calling you "dear young lady" at first, and (after the first dance) "my dear."

Sometimes he dances quite well. More often, his face gleaming redly, he revolves you giddily to the accompaniment of: "These new-fangled dances are rather rot—

## The Invalid.

THE PERFECT FOMENTATION.

First have everything ready, including the patient. Then lay a face towel in a warm mixing basin with the ends hanging out. In the middle put the flannel and fold the towel over it and pour in plenty of boiling water. Now comes that part where fingers generally get burnt and time is wasted, while the fomentation gets cold. But none of these misfortunes will happen if this method is followed out. Take hold of the dry ends of the towel and twist in opposite directions, bringing the hands together. When the water is all squeezed out, open the towel and as quick as lightning shake the flannel, fold it and place it where needed, then cover with oiled silk and another flannel to keep in the heat.

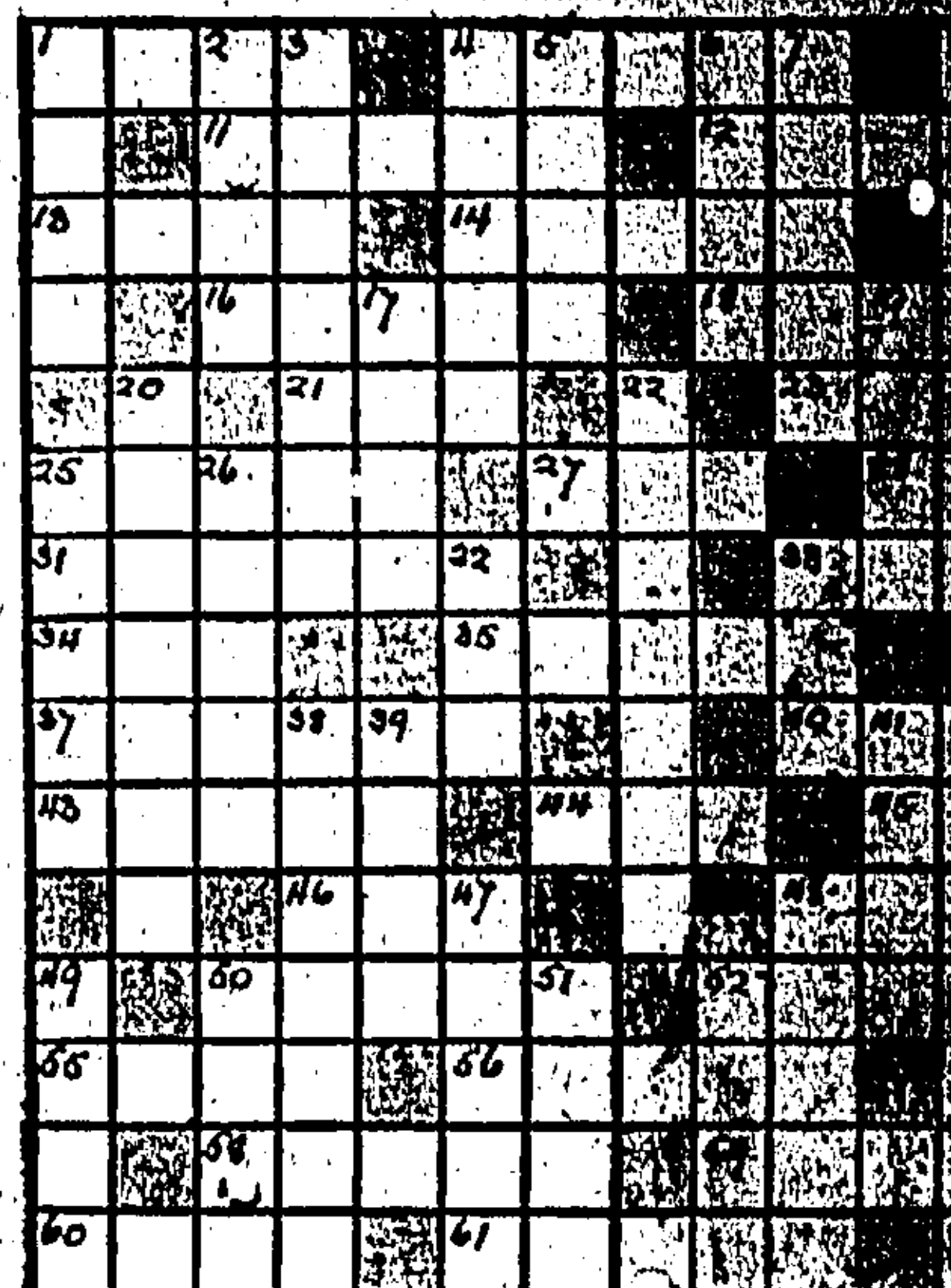
what? Give me a good old waltz, eh? So glad you agree, my dear."

Then there are the Esthetes and the Hearty. The Esthete regards the Blues as rather rough; he goes to night clubs, but only to sit around the table and talk complexes and souls. The Hearty insists on having every dance and horrifies the band, which takes pride in its exquisite rhythm, by demanding "another jolly old polka to liven up the show a bit."

Closely akin to him is the man, though not necessarily of sporting type, who adores one-step—partly because a jogging walk is the only step he knows, and partly because, as he explains between wiping the perspiration from his face and shouting for an encore, he "does it to keep his weight down, ha ha!"

May I conclude by giving brief and unfavourable mention to the man who breathes whisky on your cheek; the man who goes in for "stunt" steps and says with a tolerant smile, when you have failed to follow something that a professional would never have tried, "I can put you on to a ripping place for lessons;" and the man who thinks that because he has done you the priceless favour of asking you out he has the right, as a matter of course, to kiss you in the taxiab going home?—  
Daily Mail.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across.

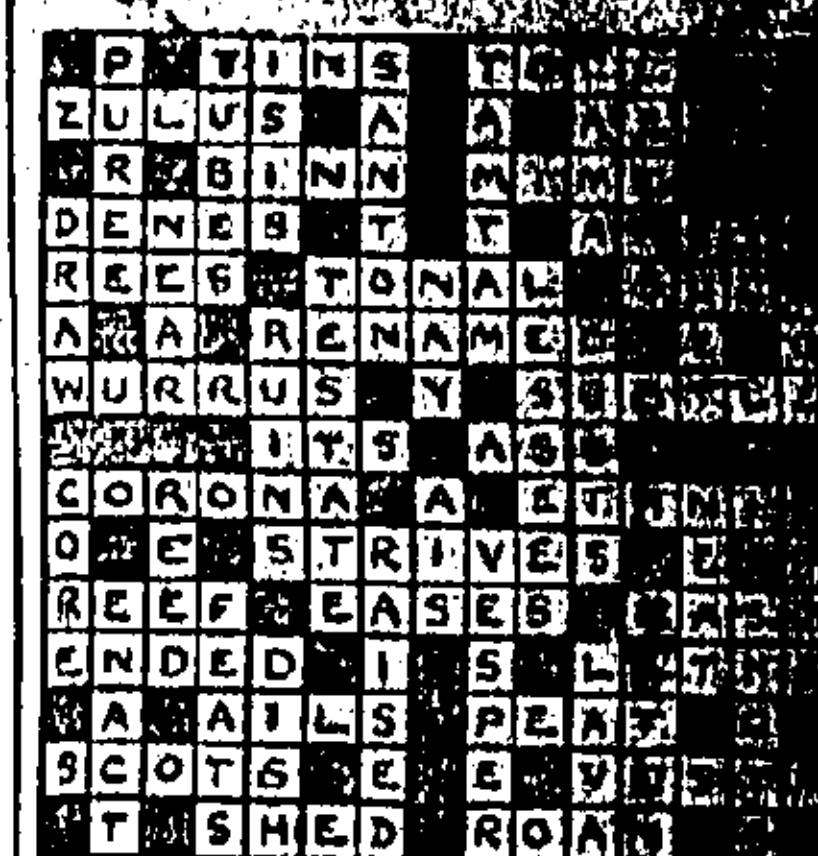
- 1 A click.
- 4 Seat.
- 8 Influenced by fear.
- 11 Rash.
- 12 Inferior.
- 13 Legal claim.
- 14 Subtle kind of sarcasm.
- 15 Glide.
- 16 Article of furniture.
- 18 Rescued.
- 21 Fasten in a knot.
- 23 Roman household deity.
- 25 Species of poplar.
- 27 Intellect.
- 28 Strip of leather.
- 31 Encircled.
- 33 Apart from.
- 34 Saying of notable men.
- 35 Have effect.
- 36 Small island.
- 37 Hand covering.
- 40 Sudden look.
- 43 Not moving.
- 44 Stimulate.
- 45 Holy table.
- 46 Emmet.
- 48 A fruit.
- 50 Kind of turban.
- 52 Impelled by rowing.
- 55 Idle talk.
- 56 Watchful.
- 57 Endure.
- 58 Untold.
- 59 Acquire knowledge.
- 60 One who dyes cloth.
- 61 Slapped with a sharp instrument.
- 62 At the top.

Down.

- 1 Soft undissolved vegetable matter.
- 2 Excite.
- 3 Woolly.
- 4 Step.
- 5 Hoop.
- 6 Possesses.
- 7 Constant.

- 8 Affirms positively.
- 9 Unit closely.
- 10 Immersed in liquid.
- 17 Stem of climbing plant.
- 19 Ornamental vessel.
- 20 Absurdly stupid.
- 22 Established formula.
- 24 Relating to a system of.
- 25 Bird of the crane family.
- 26 Babble.
- 29 Laughing.
- 30 Flag of merchantman.
- 32 Cava.
- 33 Reseach.
- 38 One guilty of treason.
- 39 Famous volcano.
- 41 Resting place of wild bee.
- 42 Kind of universal argument.
- 47 Rubbish.
- 48 Destined.
- 49 Covered with icing sugar.
- 50 Story.
- 51 Opposite to the wind.
- 53 Figure on an escutcheon.
- 54 Mark made by a blade.
- 55 Support.

Yesterday's Puzzle



## A COMING FILM.

SPLENDID ARABIAN NIGHTS ROMANCE.

Produced by the man who filmed "The Thief of Bagdad," a new screen spectacle, "The Lady of the Harem," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. "The Lady of the Harem" has been adapted from the stage production, "Hassan," written by James Elroy Flecker, and no expense has been spared in making it a gorgeous film. The settings are on a lavish scale, and skilled directing has secured a very high artistic standard. Ernest Torrence and Greta Nissen share the honours, the former as Hassan, the happy-go-lucky confectioner, and the latter as the beautiful Persian maid who is made an unwilling slave of the cruel sultan, K. Sojin, the Oriental actor who scored such a big success in "The Chinese Parrot," plays the part of the sultan, and others in the large supporting cast include Andre Beranger, Louise Fazenda and Chester Conklin.



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**PORTUGAL'S PART.**

By his visit to Macao and his talk on the aims and objects of the University of Hongkong, Mr. W. W. Hornell, the distinguished Vice-Chancellor of that institution, has yet further strengthened the contact between the Portuguese Colony and Hongkong. As he rightly said, Hongkong and Macao are now closer together than they have ever been before, and we have not the slightest doubt that the happy relations now existing will grow into an even greater and firmer friendship in the days that lie ahead. Both Colonies have known evil days and have experienced considerable depression in recent times, but it is a happy circumstance that a new spirit of hopeful enterprise and progress is now manifesting itself in these outposts of two nations which can claim to have been pioneers of trade and Western culture in the Far East.

Britishers and Portuguese alike are apt to overlook the great debt which the world owes to the culture which emanated from Portugal, and Mr. Hornell struck a happy note when he laid emphasis on the fact that the history of Portugal is one of the epics of the world. In many spheres have the Portuguese contributed to world progress and advancement. It is well, therefore, that the memories of the past should be kept alive. For that reason, Mr. Hornell's suggestion of the establishment of a Chair of Portuguese Language and Culture in the Hongkong University is one which should make a strong appeal to those who wish those memories not to be lost sight of, as they are apt to do in this workaday world.

The attraction of the idea lies in the fact that, side by side with a study of these things, Portuguese students would be able to enjoy those other inestimable facilities which the University is able to offer in medicine and engineering and in other realms of professional and technical skill. As Mr. Hornell so well expressed it, national character is an abiding product of a nation's past, and the man or woman who would be a worthy citizen of the world must first be a loyal member of a nation.

The founding of such a Chair as Mr. Hornell suggests would be a happy way of yet further

cementing the relations between Britain and her oldest ally, Portugal. It would also be a tribute to, and a recognition of, the worth of the Portuguese community of this Colony. In the past, we have had occasion more than once to stress the value to Hongkong of the members of this particular community. Law-abiding, conscientious in their work and always to be relied upon to give of their best in any movement for the common weal, the Portuguese in Hongkong are a credit to the nation to which they belong. They fill an important role in the commercial life of the Colony, and their leaders can always be looked to by the Government for sound and loyal advice. We believe, therefore, in every possible facility being given to their young people to equip themselves for the battle of life, and if, at the same time, they can be provided with the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the glories of their Motherland, then something will have been done to encourage the perpetuation of the rich culture and civilisation handed down from past generations.

### Aerial Progress.

No more striking confirmation of the modern world's determination to progress and conquer could be forthcoming than the constant attempts at long-distance flights and the endeavours to set up new flying records, not merely for the purpose of breaking existing ones, but to demonstrate the possibilities of air travel. Almost daily there is some new feat which has a tremendous value to flying generally. Costes and Lebriz, the famous French airmen, have made a non-stop flight from Tokyo to Hanoi and have now reached Calcutta. This has particular significance for Hongkong at a time when it seems possible that the Colony will shortly be in the forefront of aerial development. At almost the same time there is Lieut. Hall's announcement that he will attempt a non-stop flight from Seattle to Tokyo at the end of this month, and, if successful, will continue round the world in an attempt to beat the existing record. Flying feats are becoming so numerous that there is a tendency to under-rate their value. It is certain that long non-stop flights will be the order of the day in the not too distant future and it is necessary before these services are available to the public for airmen to demonstrate that long non-stop flights can be accomplished with little if any risk. The airmen of all countries, who by their courage and determination are showing the world the capabilities of the aeroplane as a vehicle for fast passenger traffic over long distances, deserve the universal congratulation for pioneering which equals in importance that of the old-time explorers who made long hazardous sea voyages of discovery. This spirit is typical of the world to-day and the repetition of long distance flying feats should not be allowed to detract from the vital importance they will have in years to come when the results will be seen in vast air lines transporting the world's people to every corner of the globe with a speed and comfort never known in the days of old.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| London, Apr. 10. |           |
| Paris            | 124       |
| Geneva           | 25.34     |
| Berlin           | 20.41     |
| Oslo             | 13.27     |
| Helsingfors      | 13.27     |
| Buenos Aires     | 47.13/16  |
| New York         | 4.83 7/32 |
| Amsterdam        | 12.11 1/2 |
| Stockholm        | 13.17     |
| Vienna           | 34.70 3/4 |
| Madrid           | 20.02 1/2 |
| Bombay           | 1/5.81/32 |
| Brussels         | 34.03     |
| Milan            | 32.45     |
| Copenhagen       | 13.19     |
| Prague           | 10.44     |
| Lisbon           | 2.6       |
| Shanghai         | 2/0 1/2   |
| Hongkong         | 2/0 1/2   |
| Yokohama         | 1/11.9/16 |
| Silver (spot)    | 20.3/10   |
| Silver (forward) | 20.3/10   |

—British Wireless.

Many of our readers will doubtless be interested to hear that Mrs. Y. Curdis, who last summer contributed several interesting articles to this paper, is now at home and has been invited to give a talk on the wireless from Bourne-mouth. She is broadcasting "Some Ideas of Hongkong" on Friday next, April 13th.

### DAY BY DAY.

OUR UNDERSTANDINGS ARE ALWAYS LIABLE TO ERROR; NATURE AND CERTAINLY ARE VERY HARD TO COME AT, AND INFALLIBILITY IS MERE VANITY AND PRETENCE.—*Antonius.*

H.M.S. Hermes went into Kowloon Dock yesterday for repairs.

The P. and O. s.s. Mongolia, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

Amongst the passengers who left for Saigon by the M. M. liner Paul Lecat yesterday were Mr. F. A. Perry and Mr. G. H. Hensworth.

During the past quarter, there were 133 samples examined in Hongkong under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance. All were genuine.

The dinner dance fixed for the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow night will be held in the dining room on the first floor.

It is notified that a first and final dividend of \$27,944 per cent. has been declared in the matter of Ng Min-sau, deceased, in bankruptcy.

The s.s. Patshan will probably be undocked on completion of repairs to her A-bracket on Saturday, and will resume duty on the Canton run immediately.

H. E. the Governor is to lay the foundation of the new St. Stephen's College building at Stanley on Friday, the 27th instant, at 3.30 p.m. Special buses will run.

It is notified that the names of the Honshing Mercantile Company, Limited, the Union Printing Company, Limited, and the Yee Cheong Hing Company, Limited, have been struck off the Register.

The P. and O. s.s. Macedonia, from Hongkong, arrived at London on 6th April at 7 a.m. The s.s. Nellore arrived at London on 8th April at 4 a.m. and the s.s. Khiva arrived at Marseilles on 6th April at 6 a.m.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. W. B. L. Shenton to be a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils vice the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, resigned.

The Hongkong Government Gazette notified that the denunciation of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation with the United States of Mexico has been suspended for a further six months, i.e., until the 30th of June, 1928.

Miss Daisy O'Keefe's pupils giving a dancing display at 5 p.m. there will be no movie performance at 5.15 p.m. in the Queen's Theatre to-day, but the 2.30, 7.15 and 9.20 movie performances will be held as usual. The chief picture is Laura La Plante's new farce "Silk Stockings."

It is officially notified that the officer hitherto known as the Principal Civil Medical Officer will be known and styled the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, with effect from and including 10th April, 1928. Dr. W. B. A. Moore has been appointed to act as Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and Dr. J. T. Smalley to act as Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and the same number of departures, of which three and four respectively were British. Tonnage was fair, but the total of British cargo under both headings was less than 1,000 tons. Through freights numerically low, there being only six registries under the heading. With eight nationalities appearing in the complete return, Chinese registered the highest number of arrivals, (six), but two entered in ballast only.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended March 31, issued by the P.C.M.O., gives the following cases, the figures in parentheses indicating deaths: Plague, Suez 7 (3), Aden 161 (134), Bassein (7), Bombay (25), Rangoon (5), Colombo 4 (2), Sourabaya 1 (1), Bangkok 1 (1), Bagdad (2), Cholera, Bassein (25), Bombay (1), Calcutta (114), Madras (1), Moumein (5), Rangoon (6), Saigon 21 (12), Bangkok 16 (12), Canton 1 (1); Small-pox, Moumein 1, Suez 1, Bombay 62 (36), Calcutta 45 (3), Cochin 1, Madras 45 (6), Moumein 4, Rangoon 92, Tuticorin 1, Vizagapatam 8, Pondicherry 5 (6), Banjeramasin 1 (1), Shanghai (3), Canton 2, Mukden 1, Dairen 4, Shimonoseki 1.

### SHAMEEN WEDDING.

REV. H. A. WITTENBACH—MISS BLANCHETT.

Much interest was centred yesterday in the wedding, at Christ Church, Shameen, of the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wittenbach, of Melbourne, Australia, and Miss Hannah Gertrude Blanchett, daughter of the Rev. C. I. and Mrs. Blanchett, of the Church Missionary Society, Canton. Both the bride and bridegroom are very well known in educational and missionary circles both in Hongkong and Canton.

The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a white Canton crepe dress with Irish lace veil which was presented by Her Majesty the Queen to St. Michael's School and since used by St. Michael's School brides. Her bouquet was of Easter lilies and pink verbena, grown at home.

Miss J. L. Vincent, the bridesmaid, was attired in a dress of white Canton crepe and carried a bouquet of larkspur.

The bride's mother wore a dress of pale grey flowered silk.

The bride's father officiated and Mr. P. Sands, Assistant Secretary of the European Y.M.C.A. Hongkong, was best man.

There was a largely attended reception at the C.M.S. House, East Parade Ground, Canton, after the ceremony.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Shatin Gap, Hongkong, and Mr. and Mrs. Wittenbach will later return to Canton to Holy Trinity College.

### DUTIABLE LIQUOR SEIZED.

TWO CHINESE BOATS ALSO CONFISCATED.

Orders for the confiscation of two lots of dutiable liquor seized on board native craft in the harbour during the past week were made by Mr. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

In applying for the confiscation of 2 1/2 gallons, which were found on board a sampan in the typhoon shelter at Yaumati, a Chinese detective said that he was on duty in a police boat when he noticed a sampan moving about in a suspicious manner. He called upon the master to stop, but the latter ignored the command and started to row in the direction of the shore, at the same time throwing two jars of wine into the harbour.

On boarding the sampan after the boatmen had reached the Praya wall and escaped ashore, the detective found two jars containing 2 1/2 gallons of dutiable Chinese spirit.

The same detective was on duty off Tai Kotsai yesterday morning when he saw a dinghy being rowed at a rather fast speed. The detective shouted at the men on board, but, after discarding three jars of wine, they rowed ashore and escaped.

In both cases, His Worship ordered the wine and the boats to be confiscated.

### COMING LAND SALES.

BIG LOTS TO BE OFFERED.

The Gazette gives particulars of the proposed sale and leasing of three lots of Crown land.

At the P. W. D. offices on the 23rd instant, New Kowloon Inland Lot 1127 is to be offered for sale. Situate near Ma Tau Wei, it has an area of 425,500 square feet. The annual rent is \$2,000 and the upset price \$120,000.

On the 30th instant, there will be offered at the P. W. D. offices Kowloon Inland Lot 2111, situate at the junction of Nathan Road and Bute Street, Mongkok. This lot has an area of 36,920 square feet, the annual rent is \$424, and the upset price \$92,300.

Foreshore and seabed at Ma Tau Kok, having an area of about 65,000 square feet, is to be leased. The upset premium is \$49,500 and the annual rental \$454.

### BATHING SCARE.

CHINESE BOY'S LUCKY RESCUE.

A report of a bathing accident reached the police yesterday from Kennedy Town, where a Chinese boy was rescued and sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of over-immersion.

The boy, like hundreds of others, took to swimming during the last two days when a sudden rise in temperature made conditions ideal for bathing. He got out of his depth, however, and was fortunate in being near a number of his schoolmates, who rescued him.

### The Very Idea!

In a naval periodical which came to our notice recently we found particulars of a serious warning to U.S.A. in regard to the design and construction of their two dozen larger and better cruisers. Our cousins were advised to take note of the awful calamity which happened to us when our designers drew plans for otherwise fine craft, in which, however, there was insufficient room for the drum, and the band, therefore, lost a tremendous amount of prestige. We have not seen a reply from U.S.A., but it occurs to us that it may well parake of the reminder that across the Atlantic they have inventors who are quite capable of bringing forth plans for the folding up of a drum. And so we breathe again.

Ho: May I have the next dance?  
She: But I don't know you.  
He: Then perhaps we'd better sit one out first.

Another word came into court recently—this time before Mr. Justice Tomlinson, who had to be assured as to the status of "biography." It is, indeed, vouched for in O.E.D. by no less authorities than "Blackwood" and the "Athenaeum." But might it not have been presumed? Obviously every "er" implies an "ee," as a man implies his shadow.

A sneeze, so powerful that it threw a man out of the window of a street car, is another record claimed by sunny California. It put R. W. French, the victim, in Berkeley General Hospital with a sprained back.

When he came to in the hospital, French told about his experience. He felt the sneeze coming and tried to hold it back, so that when it broke away from his hold he was thrown head first through the window. "After this sneezing will have its own way with me wherever I happen to be," was his parting shot.

"My husband lost his position."  
"Oh, not really."  
"Yes, he isn't my husband any more."

Agha Faoha, 50-year-old peasant in a Moslem town, is the proud possessor of seven wives and 23 children. Agha's family is ranked with the largest in the world. The new Moslem law, however, will cast a dark cloud over his pride as father and husband, for it permits him only four wives. He will be forced to divorce the last three of his wives, the youngest and best looking.

This is the usual batch of Leap-Year babies (including several sets of twins) who are to be congratulated or commiserated according to the point of view. On the one hand, a quarter of a birthday a year is a meagre allowance, and a substituted birthday, on the "R. L. S." principle, is not quite the same thing. The artificial sort is never so good, either in birthdays or teeth. Yet it must be a certain consolation (though rather to the grown-up than to the child) to have a personal joke which never grows out of date. To be like Gilbert's hero, "Just a little boy of five" at twenty-one, must give some satisfaction to the arithmetician; and may count an extenuating circumstance in the case of ladies who equivocate with the Census (if ladies are sensitive about age nowadays). Even the Prime Minister, when he spoke to the men of Worcester recently, recalled that it was his "fifth birthday as a Member of Parliament."

### BANKNOTES & SPECIE.

HONGKONG FIGURES FOR MARCH.

|                          | Average Amount. | Specie in Reserve. |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Chartered Bank           | \$15,938,876    | \$ 5,900,000*      |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Bank | 40,193,064      | 84,000,000†        |
| Meccanile Bank           | 1,894,117       | 600,000‡           |
| Total                    | \$57,026,057    | \$90,500,000       |

\* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,272,900.

† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$3,818,119.

‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$180,000.



**SALE OF BARBER SHOP.****JAPANESE WIDOW SUES MAN AND WIFE.****DOMINATING WOMAN.**

Before Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, Mrs. L. E. Andrews alleged that a woman defendant was, for all practical purposes, a money-lender and made a habit of retaining notes on repayment of loans by saying that she had lost them. The action being tried was between Japanese parties, arising out of the sale of a business.

The plaintiff was Mrs. Masako Hayashida, widow of 47, Praya East, Wanchai, whilst the defendants, who are husband and wife, were Mr. Shigiro Nanazawa, trading as the Yokohama Barber Shop, of 19, Praya East, Wanchai, and Mrs. Fujii Nanazawa, otherwise Fujii Arima, trading as the Chidori Eating House, of 19, Peking Road, Kowloon.

The plaintiff claimed \$800 being the balance of purchase money due under an agreement for the sale by the plaintiff to the defendants of the plaintiff's business known as the Yokohama Barber Shop, of 19, Praya East, Wanchai.

Mr. L. R. Andrews was for the plaintiff, and the defendants were represented by Mr. M. K. Lo. Mr. Andrews said he received a letter from Mr. Lo intimating the defence, in which it was stated that the shop was bought by the husband only, and not by his wife as well.

His Lordship asked if that meant that judgment could be entered against the husband and not the wife.

Mr. Lo said it did not make much difference either way, as the only person who appeared to have money was the wife, and, if judgment were entered against her husband, she would pay.

**Borrowed \$700.**

In outlining the circumstances, Mr. Andrews said the plaintiff and her husband acquired the shop in 1924 and carried on the business until her husband died in 1926. In order to purchase the house, the plaintiff had not sufficient money of her own, so she borrowed the sum of \$700 from the second defendant, and that amount was connected with the action. The case for the plaintiff was that the \$700 was duly repaid, but the note, which was given by the plaintiff as security, was never returned. They would call evidence to show that the second defendant was, for all practical purposes, a money-lender and it was a habit of hers to retain a note on repayment of a loan, and say she had lost it.

Continuing, Mr. Andrews said that on May 18th, last year, the plaintiff sold her business to both the defendants for \$2,800. She received \$100 from the husband and \$1,000 from the wife, making \$1,100 in all. It was arranged that as the plaintiff was already indebted to the wife for \$900 incurred during her husband's illness that amount should be set off, thus leaving a balance of \$800.

It was then arranged that both the defendants should give to the plaintiff a promissory note for \$800. The husband signed his own name and also that of his wife, while the latter imprinted her thumb-mark on it. It was then handed to the plaintiff. At the request of the defendants, the plaintiff wrote a document confirming the sale.

**Dominating Woman.**

That document was written at the dictation of the defendants, and it stated that the business was sold to the husband only, although in fact, added Mr. Andrews, it was sold to both. He continued that the woman defendant was rather a dominating personality and the plaintiff had done just what she said. The sale was concluded on May 20th.

On the same day, the plaintiff went to see a friend to whom she owed \$250, showed her the note and asked her to collect that amount from the defendants, which the friend agreed to do. The plaintiff decided to return to Japan and book her passage on the following day, and among those who gathered to bid her farewell was a third party who was shown the note and who agreed to collect the money when it became due on June 30.

**Note Returned.**

This came to the knowledge of the woman defendant, continued Mr. Andrews, who told the plaintiff that she (defendant) did not like the way the plaintiff was handling the note round. She asked the plaintiff to trust her (defendant) and suggested that the note should be returned to the first defendant. This the plaintiff agreed to do and gave authority for the note to be returned.

Therefore, concluded Mr. Andrews, there was no written evidence, but they had a good deal of oral evidence.

His Lordship asked Mr. Andrews whether he ought to have

**SEQUEL TO MOTOR ACCIDENT.****NAVAL STOKER CHARGED IN COURT.****AN ALIBI PLEADED.**

Stoker Jahagan, of H.M.S. Hawkins, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, charged with driving motor car No. 190 without an appropriate driver's licence, and, alternatively, with attempting to drive the car without such a licence.

Mr. H. C. Maenamara, of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for the defendant, and Mr. H. Lo informed his Worship that he appeared on behalf of the owner of the car, to prosecute.

His Worship pointed out that Mr. Lo could not appear for a prosecution which was taken up by the Traffic Department.

Mr. Lo then indicated that he would prosecute on behalf of the driver of the car, on a charge of assault.

**Wanted to Take Charge.**

Outlining the circumstances leading to the charges, Mr. Lo said the defendant and three other sailors were being driven along Queen's Road East on the morning of April 8th. Near the Wanchai Post Office, the sailors wanted to take the wheel. On the driver refusing, he was assaulted. In the meantime, the car was stopped and the chauffeur managed to get out and run to the No. 2 Police Station to make a report. On his way back, he saw the defendant driving the car and actually witnessed it being driven into a stone pillar.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said the two sailors attempted to run away after the accident, but they were followed by the chauffeur, who eventually got the assistance of an Indian policeman. The sailors dodged up and down different streets but were finally caught hiding in a lane at the back of a Chinese house.

The chauffeur, in the witness box, substantiated Mr. Lo's opening and added that when the accident occurred the car was travelling at over 20 miles per hour.

**World's Record?**

In answer to Mr. Maenamara, witness said it took him about four minutes to run from Lun Fat Street to the No. 2 Police Station.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that this must be a world's record, but on being told by the police that the distance was only about half-a-mile, corrected himself by saying "Not very fast for half-a-mile, but very fast for a chauffeur."

Mr. Maenamara put it to the witness that he never saw the accident at all. He also said the witness found his car wrecked on returning from the Police Station and it was then that he looked around and arrested the sailors eventually.

Witness maintained that he saw the accident.

Mr. Maenamara then indicated that he would put his client and another sailor in the witness-box to say that they never hired defendant's car on the day in question.

His Worship remarked that in that case he would have to adjourn the case until Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

**OPIUM SMUGGLERS FINED.****THIS MORNING'S COURT CASES.**

A number of opium-smugglers, whose arrest on the waterfront yesterday is reported elsewhere in this issue, were brought up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning and charged with the possession of illicit opium.

In the case of a passenger who landed from the Kinshan, and of the two coolies who handled the luggage in which the narcotics were discovered, a revenue officer applied for permission to withdraw the charge against the two coolies. This was granted. The charge against the passenger was then proceeded with, and the man was found guilty. A fine of \$4,000, or eight months' hard labour, was imposed.

Two other Chinese were fined \$3,000 each, or six months' hard labour, while a third man was fined a smaller amount.

sued on the note, saying that the note was accepted as part payment of the sum due on the sale of the business.

Mr. Andrews replied that the note was surrendered and destroyed, and therefore the original debt survived.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

**MARSHAL LI TO RETURN.****MAY LEAVE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.****PLANS DEVELOP FOR THE COMING CAMPAIGN.****CHIANG OPTIMISTIC.**

According to Chinese cable advices from Shanghai, Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chief of Staff to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, will not go to Nanking following his return to Shanghai from Hangchow, but will return to Canton during the next three or four days.

**Defeats Denied.**

In view of the many rumours prevailing in Nanking of how the Kuomintang forces were utterly defeated and how the Fengtien forces had launched one successful attack after another, the Nanking Nationalist Military Council has instructed the garrison troops and Police headquarters in Nanking and Shanghai to issue notifications to inform the people that such rumours are entirely groundless. The edict adds that one of the rumours went as far as to say that the present headquarters of the Nationalist Troops, Hsuehchow, was captured by the Northerners, and this the Military Council described as ridiculous.

The National Council in Nanking has sent messages to the Governors in Anhwei and Kiangsi ordering that from each of the two provinces 30,000 and 4,000 shreds (Chinese measurement) of rice respectively should be sent to the front within the coming three months.

**War Movements.**

During the past few days the Nationalist military leaders in Hunan and Hupeh have had a busy time mobilising troops and attending military conference concerning the Northern campaign.

The military conference called at Hankow by General Li Tsung-jen on Monday was attended by Generals Hu Chung-hua, Hsia Hui, Tao Kwan and several others. Immediately after the meeting the whole of the 3rd Division of General Li Tsung-jen's Army left Hankow for the front to join the major army against the Fengtien forces.

General Cheng Chien, the Nationalist leader now ruling Hunan, has ordered General Liu Feng-chi and other militarists to concentrate troops at Yochow, Hunan, on the 10th instant ready to move up from Yochow to join in the Northern Expedition.

**Chiang Kai-shek's Order.**

In the name of Chairman to the Nanking Military Council, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the appointment of General Li Tsung-jen as Chief Commander of the 4th Nationalist Army Corps directing the Hunan and Hupeh troops to meet the Fengtien armies on the Peking-Hankow line.

According to recent telegrams from the North, it appears that after all the defeated "Ironsides" troops, which left Canton recently for the North to join Chiang Kai-shek's regime, may also take an active part in the coming Northern

**SCANDALOUS CASE IN PEKING.****UNJUST DISMISSAL OF A COLLEGE PROFESSOR.****LENGTHY SERVICE.**

Peking, Apr. 4. Much indignation has been aroused in all circles here by the dismissal of Professor William Price from the Customs College after 15 years' service, on one month's notice, without compensation, other than a complimentary expression of regret. Professor Price for the previous 15 years had been head of the Thomas Hunbury School in Shanghai and thus has a big following of loyal Chinese pupils, who have passed through his hands in the last 30 years.

The alleged reason for his dismissal is conformity with Marshal Chang Tso-lin's economy programme. But since the school is maintained by a Customs grant, the reduction of expenses saves the Government nothing. The real reason is that under the Feng Yushiang regime here the student body and Chinese faculty were associated with radicalism, with which Professor Price was not sympathetic.

**History Recalled.**

The Chinese head of the College last autumn was dismissed under suspicion of correspondence with Marshal Feng, but has now been reinstated by Liang Shih-yi, because he is related to the latter by marriage. The return of the old President of the College was marked by student rejoicings and publication of a most anti-foreign number of the school journal, after which the dismissal of Professor Price was announced.

This scandal revives the forgotten dismissal of Professor Brandt from the Government Russian Language School after 22 years of service, in November, 1924, when Dr. C. T. Wang appointed Hsu Chien head of the school to please Karadjan, the Bolshevik Ambassador. The present dismissal of Professor Price is put in the same category by the whole foreign community and by scores of influential Chinese, so that Liang Shih-yi is much embarrassed by charges of supporting Feng Yushiang's agent in what promises to be a cause celebre.—N. C. Daily News.

expedition, as a Nanking despatch has it that General Mow Pei-nam, now the Commander-in-Chief of the "Ironsides" is reported to have placed the main body of his troops on the first defensive line of the Kuomintang, about forty miles from the defenses of the enemy. General Hsieh Yo, the second in command of the "Ironsides" arrived at Hsuehchow on the same day to receive instructions from Chiang Kai-shek.

**Chiang Optimistic.**

The latest news from Hsuehchow concerning the movement of the Commander-in-Chief of the Kuomintang, Chiang Kai-shek, is that the latter is very optimistic regarding the outcome of his campaign.

A large number of officials of the Nanking Political Department have arrived at Hsuehchow and now left for the front, at which considerable propaganda work will have to be done before the real hostilities commence.

Hsuehchow is plastered with the slogan, written on clothes and papers, "Capture Peking before the Dragon Boat Festival." The latter will be celebrated in about two and a half months' time.

**GENEROUS GIFT TO UNIVERSITY.****ALLOCATION OF BIG SUM APPROVED.****CHAIR OF BIOLOGY.**

The authorities of the Hongkong University have decided that the sum of \$50,000 recently contributed by Mr. Kwok Siu-lau is to be set aside to accumulate at compound interest in order to provide for the establishment of a Chair of Biology at the University. This decision has been approved by the donor, who has made a further contribution of \$1,000 towards the proposed School of Chinese. The correspondence which has passed on the subject is as follows:

**Allocation Approved.**

Hongkong, 10th April, 1928. His Excellency, The Chancellor of the University of Hongkong,

Your Excellency, I understand that Your Excellency is now hoping that money may be raised for the establishment of a Chinese School in the University of Hongkong.

This is an object that appeals strongly to me. I have recently contributed \$50,000 to the University to be devoted to such purposes connected therewith as Your Excellency may think best. The Vice-Chancellor has informed me that Your Excellency has decided to put the \$50,000 aside to accumulate, with its interest, with a view to the subsequent establishment of a Chair of Biology.

Your Excellency's decision in this matter meets with my entire approval, but I feel that I must make a small additional contribution of \$1,000 towards the proposed University School of Chinese. Accordingly, I enclose a cheque for \$1,000 and in the sincere hope that the money which is needed for the commendable object now in view will be forthcoming.

I beg to subscribe myself, Your Excellency's Obedient

Servant,

(Sd.) KWOK SIU LAU.

His Excellency's Thanks.

11th April, 1928.

Dear Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Very many thanks for your letter of the 10th April. I am glad to see you approve of the decision to set aside your generous contribution of \$50,000 to accumulate at compound interest in order to provide for the future establishment of a Chair of Biology at the Hongkong University.

It is also a great pleasure to me to see that you are in full sympathy with the appeal now being made for funds in order to establish permanently a Chinese School in the University of Hongkong. I am grateful to you for the cheque of \$1,000 which you enclose as a contribution to that fund, and I share you hope that the money which is needed for this commendable object will speedily be forthcoming. After all, if a thousand firms or individuals in this Colony followed your good example, the full sum necessary for establishing and endowing such a School would be obtained. I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Kwok Siu-lau,

49, Robinson Road.

(Sd.) C. CLEMENT.

**DEATH OF NOTED JOURNALIST.**

MR. E. R. THOMPSON OF THE "EVENING STANDARD."

London, Apr. 10. Mr. Edward Raymond Thompson, chief editor of the *Evening Standard* died suddenly to-day. Under the pen name of E. T. Raymond he wrote many penetrating political portraits. His first book was, "Uncensored Celebrities" in which and in succeeding volumes he presented a great group picture of political figures of the last thirty years. The best of his books is considered to be his biography of Disraeli.—*British Wireless*.

[Mr. Thompson, who was the youngest son of Mr. Ephraim Thompson, solicitor, was born in 1872 and received his education privately. His early journalist training was received at Brighton, Leeds and elsewhere and in 1897 he joined the staff of the *Star*, and from 1898 to 1900 was associated with the late Captain Brinkley R. A. of Tokyo as literary assistant.]

Mr. Thompson was editor of the *Japan Gazette* for the following two years and later became night editor of the *Daily Mirror*. Later he joined the staff of the *Evening Standard* being in turn night editor, news editor and leader writer. He edited the *Outlook* from 1919 to 1920 and was chief leader writer of the *Evening Standard* from 1916 to the time of his death.

His first book, "Uncensored Celebrities, All and Sundry" was published in 1919, and he followed this with "Mr. Balfour," "Portraits of the Nineties," "Mr. Lloyd George," "The Man of Promise" and "Disraeli." Mr. Thompson also made numerous contributions, chiefly on political subjects, to British and American publications.]

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## FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 14th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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| Fulham        | v Oldham.  |
| South Shields | v Chelsea. |
| Wolves        | v Reading. |

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| Q. P. R.      | v Northants. |
| Watford       | v Southend.  |
| Doncaster     | v Stockport. |

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## COMING MARATHON RACE.

LOCAL EVENT ARRANGED FOR APRIL 21.

The first annual Marathon race under the auspices of St. Peter's Young Men's Club will be held on Saturday April 21. The object of the race is to stimulate healthy rivalry in sport between the various nations.

The course will be from Lytleton Road, along Park Road, Robinson Road, the new motor road to the end of Conduit Road, then through the Conduit Viaduct until Mr. Biggar's house is reached. The course continues along Pokfulam Road down Dairy Farm Hill to a point of Jubilee Road, Mount Davies, to King's College where the race will end.

A sketch plan of the course is now exhibited in the window of the Blue Bird Cafe. The Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. have presented a challenge cup to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of the winner and also a team shield to be won outright. Hongkong Amusements Ltd. have presented a replica of the challenge cup and Mr. Andrew Cheung has given a cup for competition among club members. Other prizes will be announced later.

Any group of competitors may form a team but only the first five successful competitors of a team will be included for points in this competition. Entries should be handed in before April 20 but they will be accepted on the day of the race.

The Local Sikh Community will be celebrating the birthday of Sri Guroo Khalsa Ji "Balsahi" on Thursday at the Sikh Temple, where arrangements for free meals both in the morning and evening have been made. In a circular issued by the Khalsa Diwan, heads of departments and private firms are requested to grant a holiday to their Sikh employees.

the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

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## MACAO RACES.

SEVENTH EXTRA MEETING.

[By "Rambler"]

Unusual interest is being centred in the Seventh Extra Race Meeting which is being held at Macao next Sunday, the 15th April. Given good weather, the facilities offered for taking racers over to Macao should be taxed to the utmost. With their usual untiring attention, the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamship Co. are preparing for a record number of trippers by putting the s.s. Tai-shan on the run. This will assure a fast and comfortable passage at the convenient price of \$5 for the return trip.

The International Race & Recreation Club's Committee have made arrangements with the Bus Company for the hire of a number of buses which will meet the steamer at the Macao wharf on arrival. These buses will be specially reserved for the convenience of racers who will be quickly conveyed direct to the racecourse for a minimum fare. The usual number of hired motor cars will be placed by the Committee of the Race Club at the disposal of the Hongkong officials, owners and jockeys, and in this connection as only a limited number of cars have been engaged the Race Club Committee would be grateful if the friends of the above will make their own arrangements regarding transportation to and from the racecourse.

Quite a number of alterations have been effected at the racecourse since my last visit, which I have no doubt will be duly appreciated by those who will receive the benefits therefrom.

With their usual generosity, the officials have decided to reduce the percentage for Cash Sweeps from 30% to 20% and in the Place Pari-Mutuel third money will be paid in a field of six starters.

Up to the present, a Racing Committee of Hongkong enthusiasts have occasionally assisted the Macao Committee. This has now been dispensed with and for the future a number of Hongkong and Macao gentlemen will act as Stewards and will be responsible for the conduct of the meeting.

I am pleased to hear that Mr. C.S.M. Alves has been appointed the Official Handicapper of the Club. This should tend to bring the racing more in line with that which now exists at Happy Valley since the advent of Mr. Alves. I am of the opinion that it would be hard to find anyone more fitted for these onerous duties.

The next meeting in every respect promises to be an unequalled success principally on account of the keenness shown by a number of Hongkong owners who have entered their ponies for the forthcoming meeting. This should certainly indicate that prosperous times are in store for this popular little racecourse and I sincerely hope that strong support will continue to be received from Hongkong owners thereby assuring the success of future meetings.

Full training particulars are not yet to hand but I hope to have a detailed list of likely starters with their training times in Friday's Telegraph. My selections will appear on Saturday.

## TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TUSSE.

JAPANESE PAIR NEARLY DEFEAT HOLDERS.

There was a hard tussle yesterday in the lawn tennis Open Championship Doubles when the holders, Messrs. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, narrowly escaped defeat at the hands of the Japanese premier pair, Messrs. Honda and Akiyama. The Japanese players were five games to three up in the final set and the score reached five games all when the match was abandoned owing to falling light.

The match was noteworthy for the first time display put up by Honda and Akiyama, the latter especially being notable for some excellent work. He bore the greater part of the play at the beginning but rose to the occasion and refused to be beaten. The Indians found his lobbing troublesome. Honda was none too good at the start but he improved as the game progressed and showed great accuracy.

The Rumjahns were erratic and especially was this noticeable in the play of S. A. Rumjahn who hit the ball outside or into the net too often, while his general all round play did not come up to the form he displayed last year. H. D. Rumjahn lost points on his service but was clever with his volleying and gave the better exhibition of the two.

The games were exceedingly well fought out and at the end of four sets the couples had each won two. The fifth set reached the score of five games each when the match was abandoned.

In a game of straight sets E. C. Fincher beat S. E. Green in the Open Singles, while G. W. Sewell beat E. D. Lawrence in the Club Championship. This qualifies Sewell to meet Green in the semi-final.

## The Results.

The full results were:  
Open Singles.—E. C. Fincher beat S. E. Green, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

Open Doubles.—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v T. Honda and T. Akiyama, 6-8, 7-5, 2-6, 6-1, 6-5 (unfinished).

Club Championship: G. W. Sewell beat E. D. Lawrence 6-4, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "A"—D. S. Green (rec. 2/6), beat W. D. Fiddes Wilson (rec. 5/6), 6-3, 6-4. G. F. H. Richard (rec. 2/6) beat G. C. Stark (rec. 4/6), 7-5, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B"—J. Barrow (owe 15) beat Lieut. E. P. Lonsdale (owe 15), 6-1, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles.—W. B. Cornely and A. Flory (rec. 2/6) beat G. C. Grove and J. G. Lawrie (owe 15), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

## To-day's Matches.

The full programme for to-day is as follows:  
Open Singles.—Ng Sze-kwong v Ho Ka-lau.

Open Doubles.—E. C. and E. F. Fincher v H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tolkenham.

Handicap Singles "A"—R. K. Valentine v Lieut. Col. F. J. Wyatt.

Handicap Singles "B"—Dr. G. H. Burton v J. Barrow.

Handicap Doubles.—A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer v C. H. Bradley and Major C. Wilson; W. M. Lyons and J. D. H. Crawford v H. R. Phillips and C. O. Stables.

Mixed Doubles.—S. E. Green and Miss L. G. Heard v C. W. E. Bishop and Mrs. W. Woodward.

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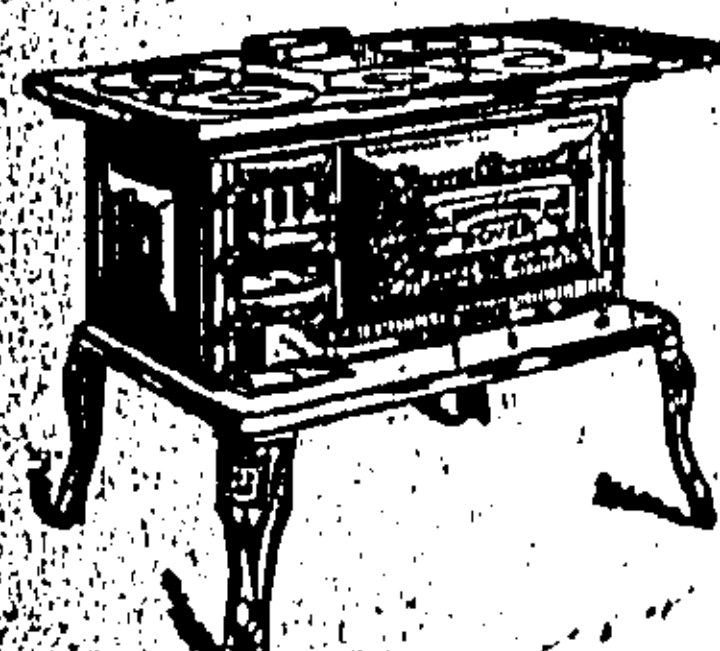
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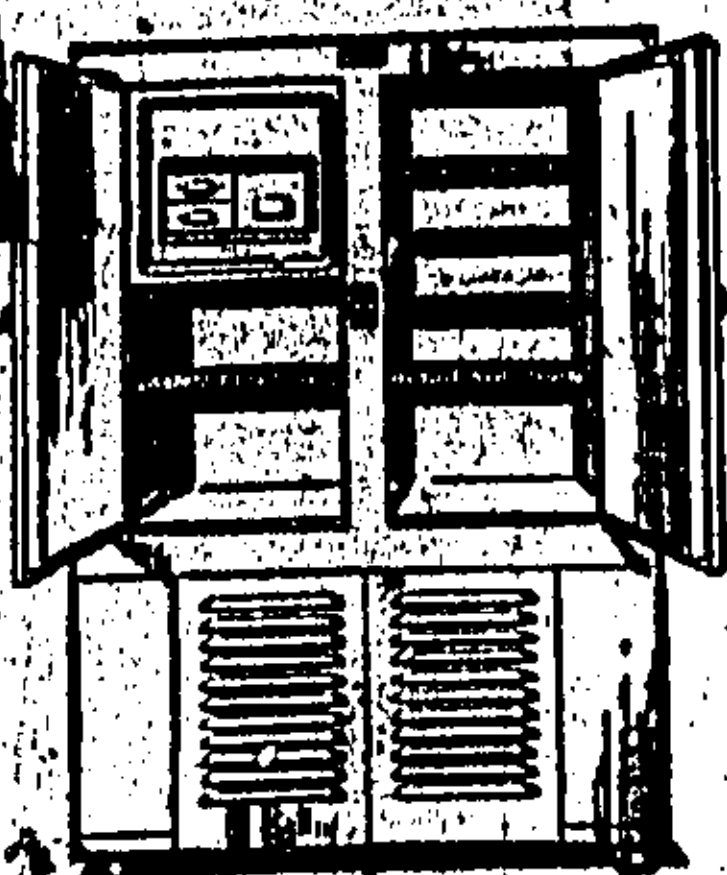




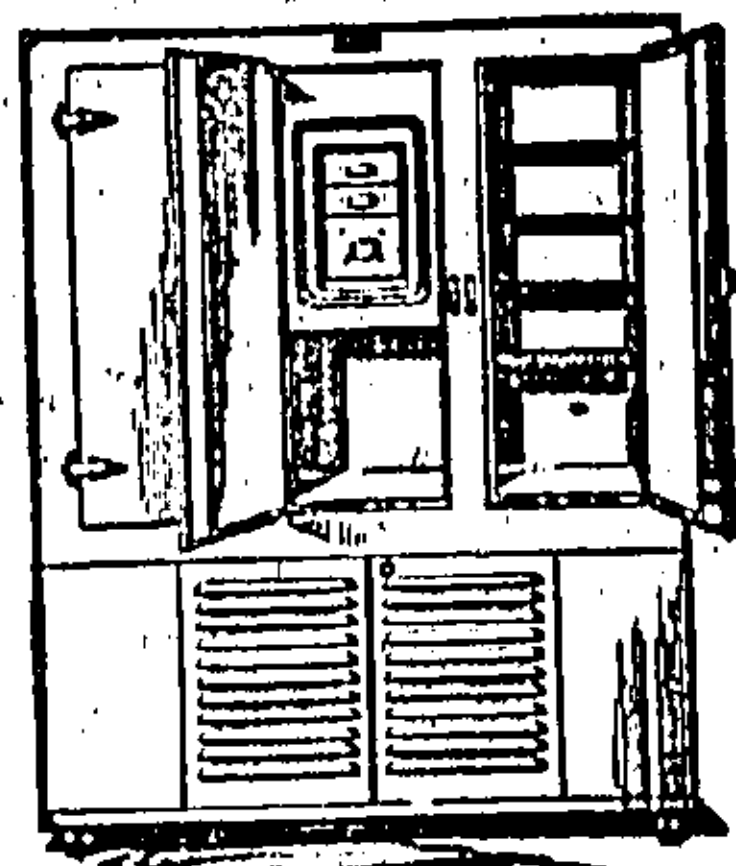
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**GERMAN ECONOMY IN THE  
YEAR 1927.**

Viewed from an economic angle, the year 1927 has been the most favourable since the war. Industrial production has experienced a marked increase. The coal output, for instance, up to the end of November totalled 104.4 million tons in the corresponding period of the previous year. Iron and steel have also been produced in augmented quantities, the figures having increased from 9.6 mill. and 12.3 mill. in the year 1926 to 13.1 mill. and 16.3 mill. in 1927.

In general there has been a satisfactory development in the earnings of industrial enterprises. The improvement in the economic situation is best reflected in the employment returns. At the middle of January, 1927, the number of out-of-work figures had been reduced to 442,000, followed, it is true, by an increase reaching to 1 million at the turn of the year.

Agriculture also showed some improvement. The crops of bread-grain amounted to 10,250,000 tons comparing with about 9,000,000 tons in 1926. A further indication of the general betterment is to be found in the continued rise of wages and in a certain rise of the price curve such as commonly accompanies an improvement in trade. The foreign-trade returns—namely imports valuing 14.1 milliard R. M. and exports 10.2 milliards—reveal the fact that the improvement in the economic situation is due mainly to a better home market. There was truly, an increase in exports; thus, the monthly average in 1925 was 733 mill. R. M., in 1926 815 mill. and in 1927 862 mill.; still, this ratio of increase is small as compared with the general curve of trade.

**Weak Point.**

But this is just the weak point in German economy. Exports have not revived in the degree requisite to meet the circumstances in which the country is placed. Even now they are still 25 per cent. behind the pre-war figures, while the imports have already surpassed those of 1914. Germany cannot even pay for her imports with the amount of her exports; how then is she to pay off her reparation burden? The adverse balance in her trade had to be met last year by borrowing abroad. While, however, to cover its requirements, German economy will remain dependent to a large extent upon imported foreign capital, there are evidences of slow but steady progress in the accumulation of home funds. The importation of foreign exchange in 1927 may be computed at about 4½ milliard marks. The lively discussion concerning the Dawes Plan which took place

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The reported theft of motor car No. 705 belonging to Captain Evers from his residence in Stubbs Road proved to be no more than a practical joke played on the car-owner.

It will be recalled that a report was made to the police by Captain Evers to the effect that on Friday night at 10.30 p.m. he left his car outside his house in Stubbs Road and on emerging from the house half an hour later the car had mysteriously disappeared.

It now transpires that a garage received a telephone message and was instructed to tow away a car which had broken down in Stubbs Road. Men were accordingly sent to Stubbs Road and the car outside Captain Evers' residence was removed in due course—hence its mysterious disappearance.

**DISESTABLISHMENT.**

**NO STATE RELIGION IN  
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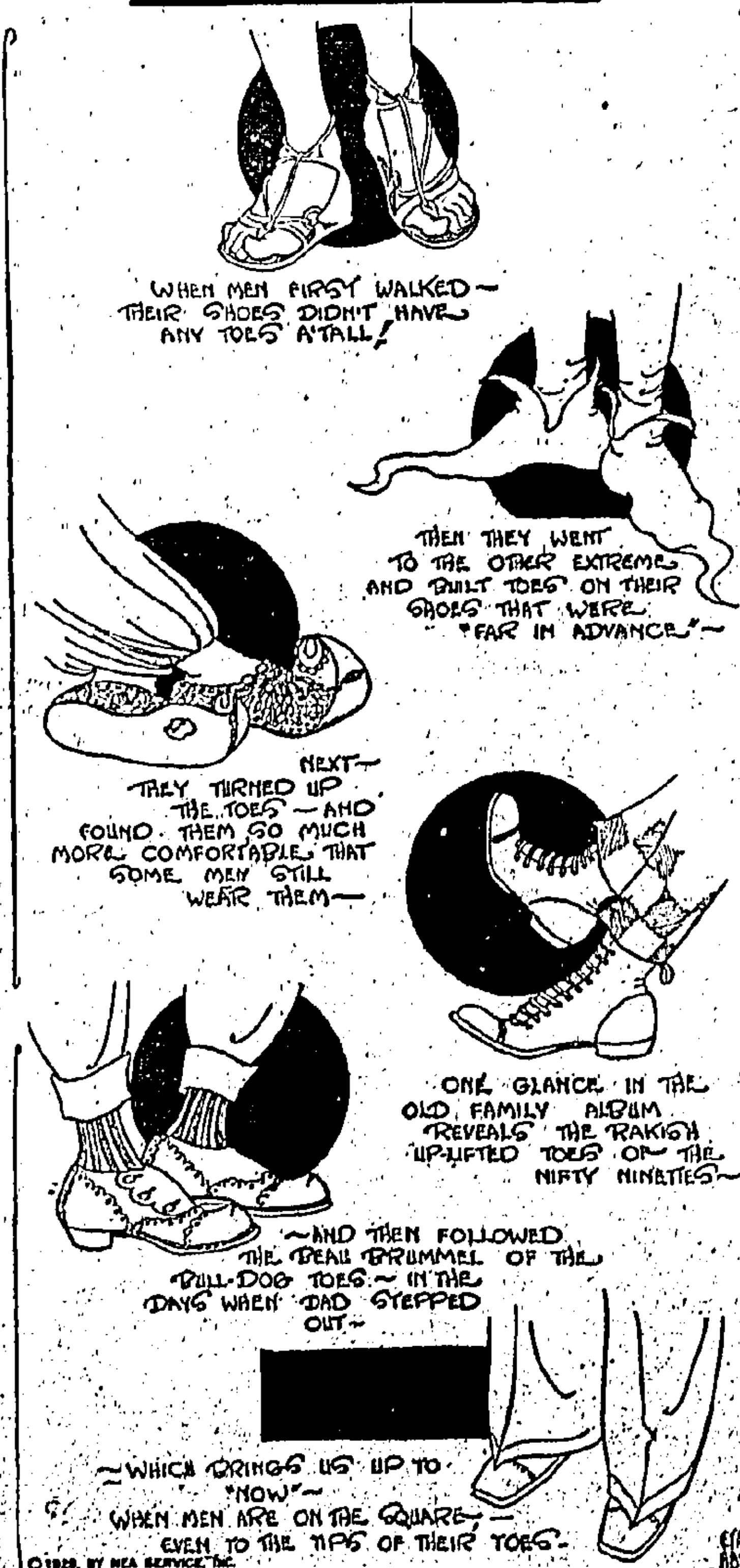
Constantinople, Apr. 10.

The National Assembly at Angora has unanimously approved the bill separating Church and State.—Reuter.

In a message dated the 6th, this action was forecast, as the motion to that effect was supported by 120 deputies. The result of the modifications will be that Islam will no longer be the State religion, and that the Deputies and President of the Republic will no longer take the customary oath in the name of Allah, but on their honour.]

In the press of various countries during the closing weeks of the year has been watched with calm in Germany. People are agreed here that the amount of the reparations must be definitively fixed in order that the German economy may know the burden which it has to bear. The decisive factor in the matter is the curve of the exports, which, for the moment at any rate, does not suggest the feasibility of any considerable payments. Even in the relatively favourable year 1927, the basic problem of German economy remained unsolved, namely, how to find adequate markets for the products of an industry whose capacity has been essentially extended.

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## SYNOPSIS.

Just before SALLY FORD, 16, who knows no other home but the state orphanage from the time she is four, prepares to go to CLEM CARSON'S farm to work for the summer, she persuades MISS POND, sentimental office helper, to tell her about her mother. The girl is crushed to learn her mother has never returned after placing her in the orphanage. Sally goes to her new home with crushed pride. There she sees a handsome young man whom they call DAVID and who she learns is a student of scientific farming and star athlete, working during the summer months. In the house she meets PEARL, the gaudily dressed, pumpered daughter of the Carsons. Pearl crudely warns Sally, "Hush off David—he's mine!" After supper Pearl begs David to join a party of dancers who are coming to the farm house, but he declines. When Sally hears the dancers downstairs later in the evening, she is seized with a sudden desire to join them and, donning her best dress, tiptoes to the stairs. There her courage fails. She hears a voice behind her: "Want to dance?" She turns. It is David.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.  
CHAPTER VII

At 11 o'clock that Saturday night Sally Ford blew out the flame in the small kerosene lamp—the electric light wires had not been brought to the garret—and then knelt beside the low cot bed to pray, as she had been taught to do in the orphanage.

After she had kneed mechanically through her childish "Now-I-lay-me," she lifted her small face, that gleamed pearl-white in the faint moonlight, and, clasping her thin little hands tightly, spoke in a low, passionate voice directly to God, whom she imagined bending His majestic head to listen:

"Oh, thank you, God, for making David like me, and for letting me dance with him. And if dancing is a sin, please forgive me, God, for I didn't mean any harm. And please make Pearl not hate me so much just because David is sweet to me. She has so many friends and a father and mother and a grandmother and a nice home and so many pretty clothes, while I haven't anything. Make her feel kinder toward me, dear God, and I'll work so hard and be so good! And please, God, keep my heart and body pure, like Mrs. Stone says."

Lying in bed, covered only with the scant night-gown she had brought from the orphanage, Sally did not feel the oppressive heat nor the hardness and lumpiness of her corn-shuck mattress. For she was re-living the hour she had spent in the Carson living room, sponsored by a stern-faced David who seemed determined to force Pearl and her giggling, chattering friends to accept the timid little orphan as an equal.

She felt again the pain in her heart at their veiled insults, their deliberate snubs, the concentrated fury that gleamed at her from Pearl's pale blue eyes. But again, as during that hour, the hurt was healed by the blessed fact of David's championship. She lay very still to recapture the bliss of David's arm about her waist, as he whirled her lightly in a fox trot, the music for which came so mysteriously from a little box with dials and a horn like a phonograph. She heard again his precious compliment, spoken loudly enough for Pearl to hear: "You're the best dancer I ever danced with, Sally. I'm going to ask you to the Junior Prom next year."

Of course he had danced with Pearl, too, and with the other girls, who had made eyes at him and angled for compliments on their own dancing. When he danced with Pearl, her husky young body pressed closely against his, her finger-tips audaciously brushed the golden crispness of his hair. She had even tried to dance cheek-to-cheek with David, but he had held back stiffly.

The other boys—Ross Willis and Purdy Bates—had not asked Sally to dance with them, after Pearl had whispered half-audible, fierce commands; but their rudeness had no power to still the little song of thanksgiving that thrilled in her heart, for always David came back to her, looking glad and relieved, and it was with her that David sat between dances, talking steadily and entertainingly, to hide her shy silences.

She signed in memory, a quivering sigh of pure pleasure, when she lived again the minutes in the kitchen when she and David had washed glasses and plates, while the others danced in the parlour. They had not returned, but together had slipped up the back stairs to the garret, David bidding her a cheerful good-night as he turned into his own room to study for an hour before going to bed.

She had learned, during those talks with David, that he was 20 years old, that he had completed two years' work in the State Agricultural and Mechanical College; that he was working summers on farms as much for the practical experience as for the money earned, for his ambition was to be a scientific farmer, so that he might make the most of the farm which he would some day inherit from his grandfather. His grandfather's place adjoined the Carson farm, but it was being worked "on shares" by a large family of brothers who had no need for David's labour in the summer. She knew, too, from his modest replies to questions asked by Ross Willis and Purdy Bates, that David was a star athlete, that he had already won his letter in football and that he had been boxing champion of the sophomore class. Marvellous David!

"But he likes me," Sally exulted. "He likes me better than Pearl or Bessie Coates or Sue Mullins. I suppose," she added honestly, "he's sorry for me because I'm an orphan and Pearl has it 'in' for me, but I don't care why he's nice to me, just so he is."

The radio music stopped at half-past eleven. Soon afterward Sally heard the shouted good-nights of Pearl's guests: "We had a swell time, Pearl!" "Don't forget, Pearl! Our house tomorrow night!" "See you at Sunday School, Pearl, and bring David with you! Some sheik! Oh, Mama! But watch out for that baby-faced orphan, Pearl! She's got her cap set for him and she'll beat your time, if you don't look out!"

Sally felt her face flame with shame and anger. Why did girls and boys have to be so nastyminded, she asked herself with a sob. Why couldn't they let her and David be friends without thinking things like that? Why, David was so—so wonderful! He wouldn't "look" at a frightened little girl from an orphan's home! No girl was good enough for David Nash, she told herself fiercely.

The next morning Pearl failed to entice David into going to church and Sunday School with her, and Sally was left alone to prepare the big Sunday dinner—Mrs. Carson having gone to church in spite of her Saturday determination not to. David came smiling into the kitchen, immaculate in a white

short and well-fitting grey flannel trousers, a book in his hand, a pipe in his mouth.

"Mind if I study out here on the kitchen porch?" he asked Sally, his hazel eyes brimming with friendliness. "I like company and my garret room's hot as an inferno."

"I'd love to have you," Sally told him shyly. "I'll try not to make any noise with the cooking utensils."

"Oh, I don't mind noise," he laughed. "Fact is, I wish you'd sing. I'll bet you can sing like a bird. Your voice rings even when you're talking. And any woman—a delicate compliment—that 'can work better when she's singing.'"

And so Sally sang. She sang Sunday School songs, because it was Sunday.

It was sweet to be alone in the kitchen, with David so near, his crisp, golden-brown head bent over his book, smoke spiraling lazily from his pipe. The old grandmother, looking very tiny and old-fashioned in rustling black tulle, had gone to church, too, leaving her middle-aged half-wit son by the hand. Benny had strained at his mother's hand, trying to get loose so that he could kiss Sally and show her his bright red necktie, at which the fingers of his free hand plucked excitedly. As she remembered those vacant, grinning eyes, that slack, grinning mouth, Sally's song changed to a heart-felt paean of thanksgiving:

"Count your blessings!  
Name them one by one.  
Count your many blessings—  
See what God hath done!"

Oh, she was blessed! She had a good mind; sometimes she was pretty; she could dance and sing; children liked her—and David, David! Poor half-wit Benny, whose only blessings were a dim little old mother and a new red necktie! But wasn't a mother—even an old, old mother, whose own eyes were vague, such a big blessing that she made up for nearly everything else that God could give?

But she resolutely banished the ache in her heart—an ache that contracted it sharply every time she thought of the mother she had never known—and began to sing again:

"I think when I read that sweet story of old,  
When Jesus was here among men,  
How He called little children as lambs to His fold—  
The opening and closing of the door startled her, David was there, smiling at her.

"Won't you sing 'Always' for me, Sally? It's a new song, just out. It goes something like this—'And he began to hum, breaking into words now and then. 'I'll be loving you—always! Not for just an hour, not for just a day, not—' "So this is why you wouldn't go to church with me!" a shrill voice, passionate with anger, broke into the singing lesson.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held at Exchange Building to-morrow (Thursday) at noon. The report of the directors to be presented states:

The profits on working account for the year 1927 amounted to \$1,102,559.43.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account (including the sum of \$509,769.45 brought forward from the previous year), after providing for interest on loans and mortgages, depreciation, insurance, etc., amounted to \$878,310.65, which the Directors recommend be apportioned as follows:—To transfer to general reserve, \$500,000; to transfer to construction and development reserve, \$300,000; to carry forward to new account, \$78,310.65.

Mr. B. Lander Lewis resigned from the Board of Directors on his leaving the Colony. Sir Elly Kadoorie was subsequently appointed to a seat on the Board and his appointment requires your confirmation. Mr. J. Scott Harston retires by rotation, but being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

The accounts for the year under review have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election. The accounts of the Shanghai branch have been audited by Messrs. Thomson & Co., who do not seek re-election as auditors, they having accepted the appointment of accountants to the Company in Shanghai.

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Included in the programme is a good news reel, which, amongst other items, shows Costes and Lebrun in the States, and a breezy comedy, "Crazy to Fly."

There will be no movie performance in the Queen's at 5 p.m. today, as Miss Daisy O'Keefe's pupils are giving a dancing display at that time, but the 2.30, 7.15 and 9.20 movie performances will be held as usual.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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"Don't you 'Pearl' me!" the infuriated girl screamed. "You mean-mouthed little hypocrite! I'll tell you why I came home! I couldn't find my diamond bar-pin that Papa gave me for a Christmas present last year, and I remembered when I was in Sunday School that I saw you stoop and pick up something in the parlour last night. You little thief! Give it back to me or I'll phone for the sheriff!"

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For the purpose of discussing the maintenance of the Chinese Faculty in the Hongkong University, a meeting of prominent Chinese merchants was called at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Sir Shou-son Chow. There was a large attendance, including Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Lee Koon-chun, Mr. Lee Jor-shan, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Li Yick-mul, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Kwok Shu-lau, Mr. Chau Tung-sang, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, Mr. Leung Pat-ye and Mr. Tang Che-ong.

In his opening speech, Sir Shou-son Chow, after stressing the need for the Chinese Faculty, explained that some time ago Professor Lai Che-hsi of the Hongkong University, succeeded in collecting from among the rich Chinese in the Straits Settlements a sum of \$40,000 for the Chinese Faculty but this sum had now been expended and if a full Chinese Faculty, which covers a course of four years study, was to be established, there would be a much larger amount would have to be raised.

The speaker added that although the Government had unofficially promised to give the Chinese Faculty substantial aid, it was up to the merchants to do their part.

After the Hon. Dr. Kotewall had spoken, the meeting decided to try to raise a sum in the neighbourhood of \$1,000,000 about \$50,000 of which will be assigned to the erection of a building in the University grounds for the Chinese Faculty.

The forty-one Chinese present formed themselves into a Committee to collect the necessary funds. Mr. Fung Ping-shan has promised to contribute \$5,000 and Mr. Kwok Shu-lau \$1,000.

## OPIUM SEIZURES.

CONTRABAND CARRIED BY  
RIVER PASSENGERS.

Revenue Officers were particularly active yesterday afternoon in searching passengers from Canton by the Kinsan and Yuet On, were successful in making considerable hauls of narcotics.

By the Kinsan, a traveller came down with a black suit case and stated he had nothing to declare. Suspicion being aroused by the depth of the case's bottom, a penknife was inserted and when withdrawn was found to be smeared with opium. The baggage was in the possession of a street coolie, who had been in turn summoned by a wharf coolie after having been engaged by the passenger himself.

All three are now held in custody and will appear before the magistrate this morning. The amount of the seizure is understood to be about 51 taels of prepared opium.

In the other case, a passenger by the Yuet On came ashore without baggage, but being searched, was found to have a fair amount of opium concealed in the top of his socks. He also was arrested and will appear before the Court today.

SHIPPING ARRIVALS &  
DEPARTURES.PASSENGERS ON PRESIDENT  
BOATS.

Among passengers arriving in Hongkong on the s.s. President Pierce yesterday were Mr. Max Basker, factory representative of Honolulu on an annual business trip to the Far East; Mr. D. L. Moss, president of David L. Moss Company, Importers and exporters of New York, on a business trip to Hongkong and Canton; Mr. John Smith, engineer with Messrs. Jardine Matheson, returning from Shanghai; Mr. B. C. Solomon, a Standard Oil official, returning from a holiday trip to the States with Mrs. Solomon, and Mr. T. S. M. Terrace, architect of Shanghai, on a business trip to Canton.

The Wilbur players yesterday left on the President Madison for Shanghai. Among others on board were Mr. C. Harper, Mr. W. S. Carter, Rev. Daniel Maravellis, Lt. B. S. Anderson, Prof. T. F. Morrison, Prof. B. Freeman, Hon. Chas. Malcolm, Hon. Frederick Waller, Lt. S. H. White, Lt. H. B. Temple, Lt. S. S. Purves and Lt. W. G. Pogue.

Other passengers on the President Madison included Mrs. C. H. Benson, wife of the general manager of the American Express Company in Hongkong, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bowden, well-known London people travelling round the world; Mr. G. L. Dairns, connected with the Standard Oil Company in Swatow, returning to the United States on furlough; Mrs. V. Clumbeck of Singapore travelling to the United States; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Fertig returning to the U. S. after a tour of the East.

## RUBBER POLICY.

DIVERGENT VIEWS IN  
SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Apr. 10.

There are divergent views as to the policy the rubber growers should adopt in consequence of the impending abolition of restriction. Some point out the danger of tapping all out and pilling up stock to flood the market when restriction ceases.

Other authorities believe the estates should mark time in expectation that the industry will reorganise itself and some scheme be evolved which will put the market on firm ground and bring back prices to a remunerative level. —*Reuter*.

## PEKING TO LONDON.

MOTOR TRIP ACROSS TWO  
CONTINENTS.

Constantinople, Apr. 10.

Major and Mrs. McCallum and two mechanics who are motoring from Peking to London arrived in Europe. They travelled by ferryboat from Mudania here. There were exciting moments in crossing the Taurus mountains where the roads were very narrow and many landslips occurred. —*Reuter*.

## CARGO HANDLING.

TUG & LIGHTER COMPANY'S  
DEVELOPMENT.

A development of the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Company's activities, which has so far passed unnoticed and yet which fills a long felt want, is the work of the Baggage Department.

This is comparatively a new departure, but in the short time it has been operating, the business done has shown a steady increase, it is learned. The engagement of coolies to transport baggage and luggage from ships to hotels, the collecting of luggage from residences for transfer to steamers, storage and handling of cargo up to any amount, with delivery ex-ship to business premises if necessary; all these and other removals are handled at a minimum of cost and with expedition.

The advantages are obvious. A representative of the Company meets all incoming steamers and arranges on the spot for removal of baggage to any point at a standard rate. Passengers are saved an immense amount of trouble, are not subjected to the extortionate demands of unreliable loaders on the waterfront and are assured of safe handling.

The leading steamship lines have entered into an arrangement with the Tug and Lighter Company in respect of baggage and other removals, the staff of this special department being so constituted as to be available for the heaviest shipments at short notice.

All these contemplating removal to new premises or returning Home might well ring up Central 3639 with a view to engaging the services of this organisation, which is in truth a trouble and money saver to the harassed traveller from point to point.

As an indication of the volume of business now done, it is stated that coolie hire for the last month alone was in excess of \$6,000.

## JUNKS PIRATED.

ATTACKED IN CHEUNG  
CHOW WATERS.

Four pirates, one armed with a dagger and one with a revolver, succeeded in boarding two Chinese fishing boats under cover of the dark early yesterday morning near Cheung Chow.

According to the story told by the owner of one of the craft in his report to the Police, his vessel containing eight persons was anchored off Cheung Chow along side another fishing boat, and he was aroused by the noise of someone creeping at the side of his boat. It turned out to be two strangers. One of them pushed him into the hold.

Meanwhile the rest of the gang attacked and fired several shots at the other junk, which they eventually boarded and ransacked, taking money amounting to about \$12.

Another Piracy.  
News of another piracy was brought to Hongkong by the master of cargo junk No. 32500 yesterday afternoon, when a report was made to the police of an attack made by six armed men on a junk at 3 p.m. yesterday.

According to the master, the junk was boarded while it was in Lung Shun Wan in the Sai Kung district, at a point very close to British waters. The pirates fired at the junk, commanding them to stop. The order was complied with and the men then boarded and ransacked the vessel, taking with them \$940 in money also other property to a total value of \$1040.

The pirates appeared to be in possession of both long and short firearms. They left the boat as soon as they found the money and were last seen making off towards Long Kuet district, near Sai Kung.

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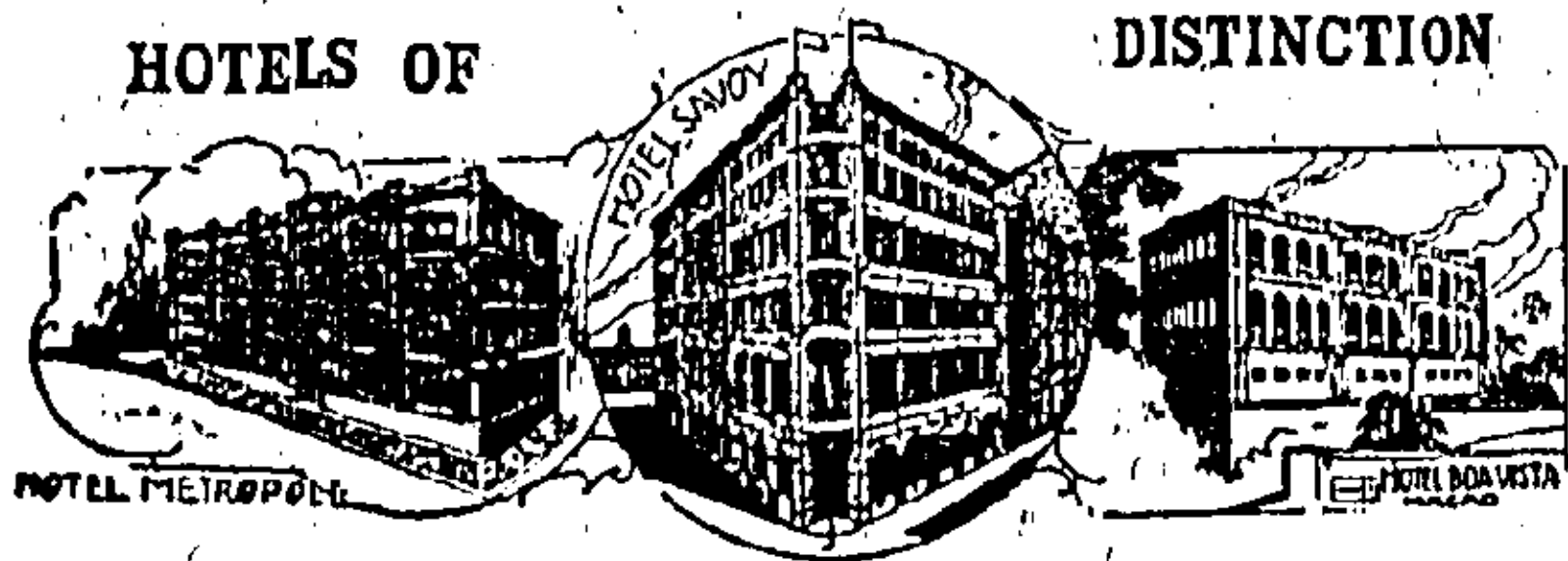
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FLYERS' SECOND  
LONG HOP.

REACH CALCUTTA AFTER A  
FLIGHT TO HANOI.

## FRENCH PROGRESS.

A Reuter message from Calcutta, dated yesterday, states that the two French airmen, Costes and Lebrun have arrived there from Hanoi.

They have therefore flown from Tokyo to Calcutta in two hops. Leaving Tokyo on Sunday at 7.23 a.m. they accomplished the 2,500 mile flight to Hanoi in just over 33 hours, reaching Hanoi at 4.45 p.m. on Monday.

Their second hop from Hanoi to Calcutta was one of about 1,100 miles and it is presumed that the French flyers left Hanoi early in the morning and accomplished the journey to Calcutta by early evening.

The message from Calcutta is timed 7.55 p.m. on Tuesday and it may be presumed that the French flyers left Hanoi early in the morning and accomplished the journey to Calcutta by early evening.

Before coming east the two airmen flew from France across the Southern Atlantic and up and across the United States. They then travelled by steamer to Tokyo. At the moment there is no news regarding the next hop from Calcutta, but it is understood that Costes and Lebrun will eventually return to Paris.

RUBBER FACTORY  
FIRE.

DAMAGE OF THREE LAKHS OF  
DOLLARS.

## THIRD BIG OUTBREAK.

Singapore, Apr. 3.  
The third rubber factory fire within a few weeks—bringing the total value of rubber lost by fire in Singapore during this period well within the neighbourhood of a million dollars—occurred yesterday morning.

The scene was the 6½ mile, Thomson Road, the premises of the Chop Kian Heng Long rubber factory. When the Fire Brigade arrived the pillars and the debris of what had been a three-storied rubber factory was being fast consumed by a fiercely raging fire that had apparently been in progress "for some considerable time" in the words of one of the Brigade officers.

There was danger of the outbreak spreading to a neighbouring village, an eventually that would have produced a conflagration of the dimensions of the great Geylang fire of a couple years ago, and the firemen worked hard to confine the fire to the factory.

The first intimation the Singapore Fire Brigade had of the occurrence, was a message at 1.30 a.m. on Sunday from the Fort Canning Signal Station that a glare was visible in the sky near Sea View. It was while ringing up the Exchange to ascertain if they had had a report of a fire that one of the European officers received the information from Telephone 1446.

A fire engine and a tender reached the scene at 1.45 a.m. The only source of a water supply was a stream on the estate, and it was only after nine hours hard work that the fire was completely put out.

According to two Indian watchmen on duty at the factory the fire began at 1 a.m. One of these men states that he saw a fire on the second floor and as he was going to call the Chinese "kuan", there was a loud explosion, and the next few moments the second floor was well alight.

The loss is stated to amount to \$300,000, which is covered by insurance. The building did not belong to the company.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

HUDDERSFIELD GO DOWN  
ON OWN GROUND.

London, Apr. 10.  
The following are the results of the League football matches played to-day.

| Division I.  |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Birmingham   | 0 Newcastle     |
| Huddersfield | 2 Middlesbrough |
| Wednesday    | 4 Tottenham     |

| Division II. |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Barnsley     | 2 Notts. Forest |
| Leeds        | 3 Wolves        |
| West Brom.   | 2 Southampton   |

| Division III (South). |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Coventry              | 0 Newport      |
| Merthyr               | 3 Watford      |
| Northants             | 1 Bournemouth  |
| Walsall               | 2 Queen's P.R. |

| Division III (North). |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Bradford              | 3 Rotherham |
| Hull                  | 1 Rochdale  |

—Reuter.

NEW AUTOMATIC  
SYSTEM.

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lay must perforce occur, apart from which the process involves heavy capital expenditure. I think shareholders will agree, however, that the resulting improved service fully justifies the expense entailed by such schemes. As a result of this programme, the number of complaints has been reduced to a low figure, notwithstanding that the number of subscribers' lines has been increased during the year by 711 exchange lines and 446 extension lines.

Taking the liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will observe that General Reserve stands at \$75,000.00; therefore, if the appropriations recommended by the Board in respect of the year under review be adopted, this account will be in credit to the extent of \$125,000.00.

On the assets side of the balance sheet, under General Plant, you will find an addition of \$155,905.89, the major portion of which figure is represented by plant of a permanent nature, being in respect of the matter to which I have just referred, namely the expenditure on laying underground cables in substitution for overhead wires, a conversion which, under the terms of the Telephone Ordinance, must be carried out with reasonable expedition. In this respect you will no doubt be interested to know that 1,594.183 circuit miles of underground cable and 71,359 circuit miles of covered distribution cables were laid down during the year.

## Automatic Phones.

Another item calling for special comment is Automatic Plant (Preliminary Expenses) which, you will observe, now stands at \$85,960.85; and I am pleased to report that very material progress has been made since the last meeting in regard to the question of a new telephone system for Hongkong. On your Directors' instructions the Company's Manager proceeded to England in May, 1927, and in conjunction with our Consulting Engineers, Messrs. W. W. Cook & Partners, drew up specifications and invitations to tender for an automatic installation for Hongkong. Tenders were duly called for by our London Agents (the Oriental Telephone & Electric Co., Ltd.) and are now in the hands of the Board, who, I may add, are very satisfied with the results obtained.

Your Board are most anxious to modernise the exchange plant with a view to being in a position to supply a telephone service on the most up-to-date lines, and it is with pleasure, therefore, that I am in a position to state that a definite scheme has been submitted to the Government, whereby, subject to the Government's approval, it is hoped that the whole system will be converted to automatic working in less than two years from date. As stated in my speech in April, 1927, the matter mainly resolves itself into a question of initial outlay, and the subscription rates to be charged in order to effect a return on investment in the manner contemplated by the Telephone Ordinance, which, as you are aware, automatically provides for decreased subscription rates when the return on investment reaches a predetermined percentage on the paid-up capital of the Company.

## Subscribers' Rates.

In this connection it should be remembered that the Telephone Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in the recommendations contained in their Report of August, 1922, suggested a rate of \$120 per exchange line for the year 1926, and, moreover, in fixing such rates the payment of a Royalty to Government of \$4 per exchange line was not contemplated. I would call your attention to the fact that this Company has not hitherto applied for the higher rates recommended, although the telephone service has, in the meantime, been very considerably improved.

I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the financial year ended 31st December, 1927, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by the Directors be confirmed:—Payment of a final dividend of 5% making 8% for the year, \$36,130; transfer to General Reserve, \$50,000; bonus to European staff, \$3,109.98; bonus to operators, \$4,334; to carry forward to next account, \$7,015.47; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

## Business Matters.

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. E. M. Raymond seconded by Mr. D. T. Tolan the appointment to the Directorate of Mr. D. H. Blake in place of Mr. B. Lander Lewis, who

FORD PAYS VISIT TO  
LONDON.

MAY PRODUCE POWER FROM  
REFUSE DUMP.

## BRITAIN AND TRADE.

London, Apr. 10.  
Mr. Henry Ford is visiting London after sixteen years and in an interview he said he was investigating the possibilities of producing power from the big dump of London refuse at Dagenham which covers one third of the three hundred acres belonging to him.

Mr. Ford is confident that American prosperity will continue indefinitely. Machinery was the only thing to give real prosperity to Britain which, he considered, was still the centre of world trade.

Britain was able to manufacture better for the continent, India and other places than any other country. The same applied to tractors for Africa, Russia and elsewhere.

Mr. Ford said that the removal of the rubber restrictions would not affect his plans in Brazil. The Firestone interests had gone to look round Liberia. It was possible that they would never make a tyre for sale but would turn the whole product over to the manufacturers. —Reuter.

## London Rubber Slump.

London, Apr. 10.  
The price of spot rubber fell to 87½d. per pound in Mincing Lane rubber market to-day. This is the lowest price since 1922.—British Wireless.

## NEW MOTOR VESSEL.

THE "TOLEDO" MAKES FIRST  
CALL HERE.

A new arrival to the port was registered this morning. In the Norwegian motor vessel Toledo, owned by W. Wilhelmsen and Co., for whom Messrs. Dodwell and Co. are the local agents. She entered with 99 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

The Toledo was built in 1926 by the Odense Staalskibs for the present owners and is registered at Tonsberg. She is a steel screw motor vessel of 4,621 gross and 2,830 net, her dimensions being:—Length 376.2 feet, beam 52.5 feet and moulded depth 27.1 feet. Her engines were installed by Burmeister and Wain, of Copenhagen, and are six cycle, developing an N.H.P. of 493.

Arriving from New York and Shanghai, the Toledo is commanded by Captain S. Aarvig and carries a crew of 31 Europeans.

JAPANESE COMMUNIST  
PLOT.

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ed in connexion with the railway issue in Manchuria.

Though the belief is growing in some quarters that decisive measures will be adopted unless the Chinese change their present attitude the Government is known to be particularly anxious to avoid strong measures owing to the resulting reaction in China and also owing to the delicate position confronting the coming Diet session where such action would certainly be strongly assailed.

The issue has arisen over Makden's recent transfer of rolling stock from the Taona-Nanganchi line to the Mukden-Hailung line against which Japan protested on the ground that the Taona-Nanganchi line is the security of the Japanese loan to China.

## Menace to Security.

The Government has ordered the dissolution of the Ronoto (extremist proletarian party) and two other extremist political organisations on the ground that their existence is a menace to security and order. The dissolution does not affect the two Ronoto members in the Diet.—Reuter.

resigned owing to ill health, was confirmed.

The appointments of Messrs. T. C. Weall and C.G.S. Mackie to the Directorate were confirmed on the proposal of Mr. D. Tolan seconded by Mr. W. J. Hawker.

The re-election to the Directorate of the chairman and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., was proposed by Mr. D. Tolan, seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond, and carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. W. J. Hawker seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors.

The chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be obtained on application at the Company's offices.

Other Directors present in addition to the chairman were Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. R. G. Sheehan, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. D. H. Blake; also Mr. J. P. Sherry, manager. Shareholders present were Messrs. E. M. Raymond, D. Tolan and W. J. Hawker.

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